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Shares slump as power bids are blocked

Minister accused of political act as £1bn is wiped off values

Business Editor

The Government yesterday bowed to political pressure and unexpectedly blocked two bids for electricity generating companies, wiping £1bn off the value of power industry shares.

The move by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to prevent National Power buying Southern Electric and Power-Gen buying Midlands Electricity brought to a halt a wave of mergers that has swept through the electricity industry over the last year.

It overturned a four-to-one majority view at the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that the two deals - which would have been worth £4.5bn - should be conditionally allowed to go ahead, Mr Lang also brushed aside the views of his own officials at the DTI that the takeover would cause no damage to competition.

. City and power industry sources claimed that Mr Lang was sidestepping a political row over the impact on competition and electricity prices of dismantling the structure agreed for the electricity industry when it was privatised in 1990.

Generation was separated from supply and distribution, but the bids would have gone a long way towards bringing the two sides of the industry back

together. After a leak of the MMC report earlier this month, senior Tories, including Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, attacked its conclusions and

There were also claims that Mr Lang's decision was to duck further controversy by discouraging a bid from Southern Company of the United States for National Power.

Southern Company already owns a UK electricity compa-



lan Lang: Brushed aside views of DTI officials

age to competition.

ny, South West Electricity (SWEB), and would face similar obstacles to the two banned takeovers if its bid went ahead.

Mr Lang's decision was on the grounds that National Power and PowerGen are electricity generators and that if they were allowed to buy the two regional supply and distribution companies there would be dam-

Mr Lang said conditions suggested by the MMC for allowing them to go ahead would not offset the damage. Consumer groups and the Labour Party have fiercely crit-

urged the Government to ban icised the takeovers and yesthe takeovers. terday Margaret Beckett, the Labour trade and industry spokesman, said she welcomed this respite in the free-for-all of merger and takeover activi-

> lowed in the electricity industry". However, she said Labour stuck to its view that the whole electricity industry should be referred to the MMC, because the issue of vertical integration between generators and supply

companies had not been re-In defence of his decision to snuh the MMC, Mr Lang was able to cite Professor Stepben Littlechild, the electricity regulator, John Bridgeman, the Director-General of the Office of Pair Trading and Patricia Hodg-son, the BBC head of policy and

planning, who was the dissent-ing member of the MMC. All three were against the bids and Mr Lang's decision marked a rare victory for Professor Littlechild, whose sceptical views about the electricity takeover wave have until now

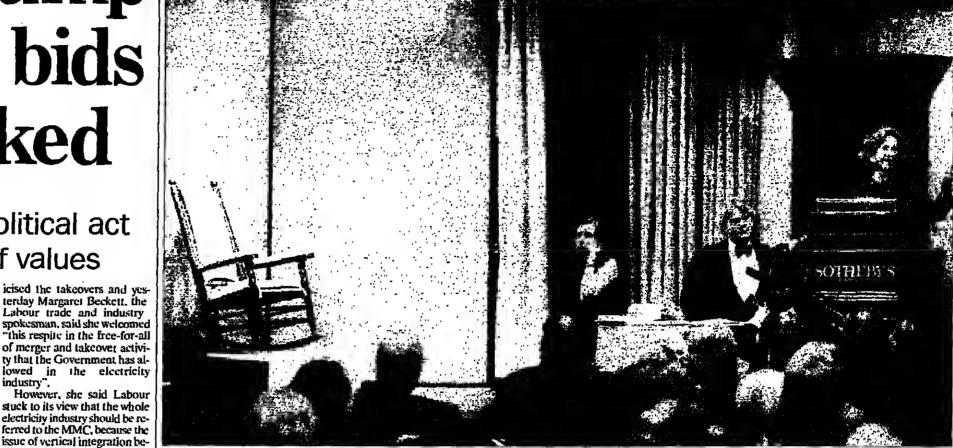
been largely ignored.

Mr Lang insisted that he was not against vertical integration in principle, but said that it was not appropriate in these two cases.
The DTI underlined the rar-

ity of a decision to overturn MMC clearance of a takeover hid by citing as precedent an obscure 1988 case of a merger between Book Club Associates and Leisure Circle.

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The old JFK chair that rocked the Onassis sale



Seat of power: John Kennedy's rocking chair fetched £291,000, almost 90 times its estimate, at Sotheby's sale of Jacqui Onassis's estate

'Cloud-cuckoo' warning by Major

DONALD MACINTYRE and **COLIN BROWN**

John Major yesterday confronted bead on the extreme Europhobes within his party by

In a move calculated to snuff out flirtation with the idea of eventual withdrawal from Europe - an idea fuelled by Sir James Goldsmith's high profile entry into British politics - Mr Major declared that Britain "is not a little England and must

never hecome so". As John Redwood, the for-London hotel, the Prime Min-Comment, page 21 | ister derided as "naive, dam-

aging and just plain wrong" the idea that Britain faced a choice between withdrawal and "going along with every demand our

partners make." But in a speech balanced to warning they were living in satisfy the party's more main-"cloud-cuckoo land" if they stream Euro-sceptics Mr Major thought Britain could prosper outside the European Union. gave a clear indication that he was prepared to block progress at the EU Inter-Governmental Conference unless "backdoor" imposition of the Social Chapier on Britain was halted.

Mr Major denounced in his speech to the Institute of Directors the "creative" use of Health and Safety Provisions over which the UK does not have a veto - to usher in measures like the 48-hour week mer Welsh Sccretary and lead-ing Euro-sceptic, held talks from which Britain's social with the anti-EU tycoon in a chapter opt-out should protect chapter opt-out should protect it. And he promised that Britain would seek to "build a Europe" pected to have confidence in



that is more in our image.....a Europe of nation states. He warned: "We can't be exare subsequently undermined by shifts in interpretation. I take this very seriously. I don't want to be misunderstood about this: if old agreements are to be hroken, I do not see how we can reach new ones."

Nevertbeless, pro-European MPs professed themselves delighted at Mr Major's unequivocal rebuttal of those Tories and sections of the press who have begun to contemplate the prospect of withdrawal if Britain fails to repatriate significant powers from Brussels in the

Edwina Currie praised Mr cuckoo is John Redwood."

Dorchester Hotel, Mr Redwood failed to persuade Sir James to lift the threat of fielding Referendum Party candidates against Tory candidates in the general election. But Mr Redwood is promoting an agenda for the renegotiation of the Treaty of Rome which he believes Euro-sceptics will rally around, and which could build bridges with Sir James.

"He is still going to carry on. I haven't managed to persuade him to back the Conservative Party as the best way of achieving the kind of Europe we want. I was not surprised by Major's speech and said: "He's that." Mr Redwood said. "Both quite right that opponents of the of us believe we want a Europe EU are in cloud-cuckoo land.
The biggest cuckoo is James country. I believe the Con-Goldsmith and his sidekick servative Party is the best means of achieve that'

IN BRIEF

Dudayev's last words He had lost count of the numher of times that the Russians had tried to kill him. There had been car bombs, grenades, and a bizzare occasion when he was given a knife with an electronic homing device in the handle, allowing aircraft to track him down. And yet, be said, flashing a cynical grin, "My only bodyguard is Allah." Ozhokhar Dudayev, the rebel Chechen leader killed by the

Page 11 Dunblane gun amnesty The Home Secretary yesterday announced a firearn; amnesty in the wake of the Dunblane

Russians on Sunday, gave one

of his last interviews to Phil

Bra to detect cancer A fibre-optic bra that can examine the tissues of the breast without using harmful X-rays has been developed at a Lon-

don college

Historic win for Arafat The final phase of the Middle East peace talks moved a stage ctoser when the Palestinian parliament-in-exile was considering the removal from its charter clauses which call for the replacement of Israel with a Palestinian state,

Today's weather Dry and bright in southern and central areas. Cloudy in the North. Section Two, page 33



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Teachers to strike over problem boy

FRAN ABRAMS and DOUL HIJOUL

Teachers at a Nottingham comprehensive will go on indefinite strike tomorrow in their dispute over a disruptive pupil after talks aimed at averting the stoppage ended without agree-

crisis at Glaisdale School last night by saying that parents of the most disruptive children might lose their right to appeal against school expulsions. The Nottingham controver-

sy arose after an appeals panel ordered the return of 13-year-old Richard Wilding Page 9

he was involved in more than 30 violent and disruptive incidents in less than two terms. Gillian Shephard, the education secretary, urged teachers at the school not 10 strike, but said that pupils who were excluded more than once might forfeit

ment. Twenty of the 38 staff
Ministers responded to the at Glaisdale School, recently praised by the Labour Party for its work with disenchanted 14-year-olds, will stop work after the local authority stressed its determination to see Richard Wilding return.

their rights.

Officials of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers who to lessons. Staff at his school say met the authority yesterday

said the negotiations had run out of time, but hoped a solution could be found soon.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the union, said: Maybe the parents can be persuaded to do the sensible thing, because it is obvious there bas been a total breakdown in the relationship between the pupil and the school.

"All we are doing is striking in defence of sensible discipline. If the parents were to announce they have decided to withdraw their child, it might still he in time to prevent the strike." li seemed that the strike

might be called off after Richard's parents, Rita and However, Mr de Gruchy Philip Wilding, agreed with the claimed that the boy had

and in a special unit for the time being. Staff objected to a further proposal that be should eventually be reintegrated into lessons. The boy had been temporarily excluded three times before being sent home per-

manently in February this year.

The local authority supported the school's decision, but an independent appeals panel later overturned it. Since Easter, Richard has been taught alone at the school by a supply teacher and has not been allowed to play with other pupils at break times or go to the toilet on his own. However, Mr de Gruchy

school's head on Tuesday that threatened another pupil with he could be taught in isolation a chair and bad been allowed to wander around corridors and mix with other pupils.

> Last night, the local authority met the National Union of Teachers, which has at least 10 members at the school and bas discussed refusing to teach Richard.

> Meanwhile, as well as changing the rules on appeals, ministers may agree to bead teachers' demands that they should be allowed to exclude children temporarily for more than 15 days in one year. At present they must permanently ex-clude a child after this period has clapsed.

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tions, and one of these hits the Earth after 1.14 million years."

But they stress that the orbits

of small planetoids like Eros are

very "chaotic". This does not

mean that they are incalculable,

but that reliable predictions

over tong times depend on

measuring their present posi-

tions to an unattainable degree

of accuracy. To cope with that,

the researchers have calculated

the likelihood of a collision

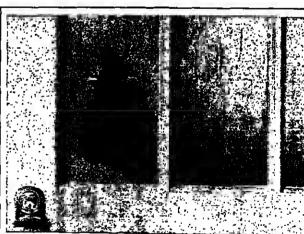
and found, perhaps reassur-ingly, that although 1.14 million

years is certainly possible the

timescale is more likely to be

about a hundred million years.

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Beware, the end of the world is nearly nigh

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

The end of the world is nigh. But don't tear up the life insurance policy - for it will not happen for at least another 1,140,000 years.

Around about then, according to calculations by an Italian mathematician, the asteroid Eros, which is currently safely in the ambit of the planet Mars, will swing out of its orbit and crash into the Earth. Such specific predictions are unknown in science, being conventionally regarded as the province of

theologians and soothsayers. Since Eros is twice the size and about 10 times as heavy as the extra-terrestrial projectile which is now thought to have done for the dinosaurs some 65 scientific journal Nature.

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Five dates when the Apocalypse was predicted

1033: Thousandth anniversary of the in October 1842, later known among his fol-Crucifixion, as was then believed. In Northern lowers as 'the great disappointment'. France and Germany there was real expecta- 1914: The Millerite movement, later Jehovah's tion that Jesus would return to reign in gloty. Witnesses, believed that the Bible predicted 1534-35: The Anabaptists of Münster, Germany, the end of the world in 1914. launched a reign of terror in the imminent 2000: Evangetical protestants are convinced expectation of Christ's second coming.

million years ago, the impact of this asteroid — 22 kilometres in carefully examining the paradiameter - would ptobably meters of Eros's current path. extinguish almost all life on the They then ran simulations on

Paolo Farinella, a mathematician at the University of Pisa, and two French astronomers report their findings in today's issue of the

1842: American William Miller said after study- dates no longer fashionable, but millions of ing the Old Testament that the world would end pentecostals say we are living in the end-times. The researchers started off by

> computer of how it might evolve over the coming millennia. They discovered "an orbital resonance with Mars - essentially an interaction between the gravity of Mars and Eros itself

ing the asteroid from its current Mars-crossing path onto an Earth-crossing path. The researchers write that

that the world will really end this time. Exact

their computer calculations show that over a period of two million years. "Of eight triat orbits that closely match Eros's present orbital parameters. three become Earth-crossing on - which was capable of divert- the time-scale of our simula-

scientific thinking has been that the end of the world is three or four hillion years away when the sun will have expanded enough to swallow us up. ARTS 8-9 CHESS 31 CROSSWORD 34 DILEMMAS 7

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Hot air gusts through corridors of powerlessness

minster reek of, it is not usualhy power. Only when Secretaries of State emerge from their hunny little black things hang-Whitehall fastnesses does the Chamber resound to the noise of puissance, er, puissing.

Take yesterday for example. During Education questions the Junior Education Minister. Cheryl Gillan, fielded a planted Tory query concerning an alleged Liberal Democrat plan to abolish Church schools. Ms Gillan deprecated this appalling attempt to curtail freedom of

Lib-Dem education spokesman, Don Foster, who leaped to his argument, but the inclusion of the original words "in an ideal

The senior Sinn Fein negotia-

tor Martin McGuinness yes-

terday came close to ruling out

any early resumption of the IRA

ceasefire, in terms which appear

to preclude the inclusion of his

party in the coming political

words left the firm impression

that no ceasefire is to be ex-

pected hefore the British and

Irish governments convene in-

ter-party negotiations on 10

July. The Government has

made it clear that Sinn Fein will

he allowed to the table only if an IRA ceasefire is in place.

Both Sinn Fein and the Social Democratic and Labour party

yesterday announced that they

would be contesting the election

which is to take place on 30 May.

The decisions were expected.

since the Government has indi-

cared that only parties which

stand in the election will be el-igible to join talks.

Fein will be tighting the election

while no ceasefire is in effect.

which means its successful can-

didates will obtain a mandate

which is unlikely to impress

Unionist parties. The SDLP

and the Irish government will be

disappointed that Sinn Fein is

not to be at the table since they

and various other elements be-

lieve that talks without repub-

licans will have little value or

chance of success.

But it now seems that Sinn

Mr McGuinness's pessimistic

negotiations.

the Tory benches. Mr Foster has ing from the ornate ceiling of the Chamber are microphones. Many bombastic people are the same, using for public speech a volume and intonation otherwise reserved for making international phone calls and explaining things to foreigners. Several schoolboys asleep in the public gallery were jolted awake by the ferocity of his simple as-sault: IT IS NOT TRUE!

Nor was it. Ms Gillan read This was loo much for the out the full quote to back her

said last night that no decision

had been taken about entering

the forum whose very exis-

tence has been criticised by

the party in the recent past.

Mr McGuinness, speaking on
the BBC's Newline 6.30 programme, said: "I certainly think

at the moment, against the background of British govern-

ment had faith, that there is no

prospect whatsoever of a

restoration of the ceasefire.

unless we can be in a position

to convince them that we are going to have real and meaning-

ful peace negotiations."
He claimed there was a broad

feeling in the nationalist com-munity that the British govern-ment and the Unionists "are not

He demanded the removal of

Whatever the corridors of West- feet and bellowed his denial at world" made it clear that she was misusing what the Lib-Dems had said. Now it will appear in every Central Office briefing. There is nothing that the noisy Mr Foster can do.

My second illustration of powerlessness is Michael Fabnicant, the Tory member for Mid-Staffordshire, who introduced a Ten Minute Bill allowing him to discuss the matter of relations between Britain, America, Europe and the rest of the world. Space flight and inteplanetary exploration were somehow omitted from the Bill's purview. Which was probably a printing error, because no where close by. No matter what



DAVID AARONOVITCH

process is too large or complex to daunt Mr Fabricant from havag a clear view of it.

Strangely, whatever part of the world is under discussion, he has been there, or someaspect of the galactic historical occupation or experience is change". I wondered idly ents. So far. so good.

skipped, via an alarming series of cliches, across America (where he had worked in Newhaven, Connecticut - very close to the centre of power in Washington, apparently), back to Britain, glancing briefly at Taiwan. There were windows of opportunity, unlocking doors, a confluence of ways, a failure of stewardship, today's reality, the future's certainty and - most alarmingly - "a fast approaching crossroads". Duck! Finally he confided that "the world is

going through a time of

worrying MPs, Mr F has done
it for a spell or undergone it.
So he started in Australia and
skipped, via an alarming series
when for a year or so the world had not been going through a time of change. Unlikely.

Mr Fabricant presented his little Bili and sat down. Immediately his fellow Conservative, Edward Leigh, stood up and moved an amendment to the big new divorce Bill – and thus illustrated a third kind of powerlessness. Mr Leigh does not much like divorce. He (rightly) worries for children whom, studies show, suffer from the acrimony of breakdown and deprivation of one of their par-

What he has not yet grasped however, is that there isn't much Parliament can do about it. He and the other assorted JPs. Dames and exorious busybodies around him advocate the resention of the notion of fault to "send a message" from Parliament. But even he had to admit - albeit reluctantly - that we could not return to the days of divorce trials hotels in Brighton and private detectives. On this sort of issue the "message", of course, flows the other way. Alas, by the time that Mr Leigh finished, the only man who could possibly have helped him out had left the chamber. Mr Fabricant was gone.

IN BRIEF

Soccer club sells own-label whisky Manchester United football club launches its own-label

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whisky today featuring the team's Red Devil crest and sold in bars at Old Trafford, offlicences and supermarkets. It is made by the Scottish distillery I-rgordon, the world's biggest own-label whisky producer and supplier to Tesco and Safeway.

The £15.99 Scotch will add to United's marketing and merchandising income, already £23.5m a year, but alcohol watchdogs are worried that it will appeal to under-age drinkers. "Some youngsters are obsessive about football and with a club as big as Manchester United there is a clamour for their products," said Mark Bennett of Alcohol Concern.

Stab death charges

Two men have been charged with the murder of a midwife found stabbed to death in her bome 19 months ago. Kathleen Hempsall, 40, was found lying in a pool of blood in a down-stairs room of her bouse in the Castle area of Lincoln on 11 Oc-tober last year. Police said Perry Calvert, 20, and Alan Mark Boulter, 20, who both come from the Lincoln area, would appear before local magistrates.

Mine blown up

Bomh disposal experts blew up a fourth Second World War anti-invasion mine found on a beach during clearance of sea defences uncovered by recent low tides. The first three 20th mines found at Longsands, east Cornwall, were blown up last Friday since when the beach has been closed to the public. All the mines were attached to 200 metres of scaffolding revealed by shifting sands helow the army firing area at Tregantle Fort in Whitsand Bay.

Island sale halted

The planned sale of a Scottisb island famous for its otters was halted after a plea from the animal and conservation charity Born Free Foundation for more time to consider its future. The six-acre Eilean Ban off the Isle of Skye was to have been auctioned in Glasgow with a reserve price of £40,000. The uninhabited island contains a defunct lighthouse and two empty cottages. It was the home of the author Gavin Maxwell, who wrote Ring Of Bright Water.

£5m video raid

A police raid smashed a video pirating operation worth up to £5m. West Yorksbire police seized 1,500 videos and 35 video recorders in the raid on a house videos included some of the latest releases and porn films. The detectives were helped by officers from the Federation against Copyright Theft, A 40year-old man was arrested and is being questioned.

Queen's complaint

The Press Complaints Commission upheld a complaint by the Queen over a magazine article which named her as Britain's wealthiest woman. The Commission concluded that the magazine Business Age failed to check its facts, made a number of errors and presented speculation as estab-lisbed fact when assessing the Queen's personal fortune at £2.2bn. Editor Peter Kirwan maintained that his magazine's valuation of the Queen's wealth was justified and legitimate.

Higgins 'too ill'

The snooker player Alex Higgins is too ill to stand trial for assault, a court was told. The 47year-old former world champion was due to appear before magistrates in Stockport, Cheshire, accused of assaulting a 14-year-old boy and a police officer in the execution of his duty. They adjourned the case till June after reading statements from his solicitors and a consultant surgeon regarding Higgins's medical condition.

Walker found dead

Rescuers found the body of an elderly walker missing on Britain's highest mountain. The 71-year-old man set out to scale 4,406ft Ben Nevis by a high rocky ridge but failed to return. Mountain rescue teams found his body in Coire Leis, a snow covered gully. .

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Sinn Fein rule out return to ceasefire DAVID MCKITTRICK Some reports said yesterday Ireland Correspondent that the SDLP had also decided to take its seats in the forum which is to be composed of those elected. Party sources

The artist Cerith Wyn Evans with his installation Inverse Reverse at the White Cube gallery, in St James's, London Photograph: Justin Westover

Brown scores over tax 'lie peddlers'

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

serious about negotiating an honest and just settlement. He Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, claimed first blood in his hattle with tax advisers said that at the moment it was not worth his while to go to the IRA to ask for another ceasefire. cancellation by the leading accountancy firm KPMG of its seminars to advise people how to avoid higher taxes under a

all pre-conditions to Sinn Fein involvement in talks and revealed that the ceasefire of Labour government: Mr Brown on Tuesday brand-August 1994 was never permaed tax advisers in general "lie nent, it was a complete cessapeddlers" for predicting the levels at which taxes would rise. tion which could only have been made permanent through KPMG, which he did not name, dialogue between the British was the main target of the and Irish governments and all the political parties. shadow Chancellor's wrath. which was roused particularly by t think that this was a point that was missed during the the firm's assumption that,

whole course of the ccasefire." | where Labour had not an-

nounced a policy, the policy in the 1992 election manifesto would probably apply.

KPMG issued a statement

yesterday which said that it had decided to cancel remaining seminars being held under the A spokesman said: "These seminars have become something of a political football, but we are apolitical and we have to maintain that. We will continue to give appropriate advice to clients who seek it, but not in the public forum of seminars."

But the shadow Chancellor was undermined by a survey of 51 Labour general election candidates which found that 50 of them favoured a new top rate of income tax on annual income

over £60,000. A similar overwhelming majority believed that a Labour government should scrap the Trident nuclear missile system, which last year's party

conference unit voted to keep. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal pressure on Mr Brown's refusal to specify tax rates and levels. He said: "The Tories lied to us last time. Labour seems to be preparing to lie to us next time."

Mr Ashdown accused Labour of being "so scared of their past tax record" that they were "caught like frightened rabbits in the headlights of the Tories' attacks. They refuse to say how they will pay for their promises. They refuse to commit themselves to anything".

He told a rally in Twickenham, cy Labour would like, hut they south-west London, last night: Without more truth on tax, we'll never restore trust in politics." Liberal Democrat officials

said their policy was to put the standard rate of income tax back up from 24p to 25p in the pound "if necessary", to increase spending on education. They also would impose a new 50p top rate on incomes over £100,000 a year, and use the £1bn revenue to raise the tevel at which people started to pay national insurance contributions and tax taking 750,000 low-paid people out of paying taxes and NI con-

tributions altogether.

A Liberal Democrat source close to Mr Ashdown said: "Ours is probably the tax poli-

a former director of social ser-

vices in Barnsley, and Judith

Dr Barker said yesterday:

We were told when we began

that the report would be pub-

lished and have no reason to be-

changed." He declined to make

report which says that the duty

lieve that that position has

The council letter refers to a

lones, a social worker.

any further comment.

At the last general election. Labour and Liberal Democrat tax policies were similar, with the parties only disagreeing on the level at which a new 50p top in: the former said £40,000 a

year, the latter said £50,000. Both wanted to abolish the limit on NI contributions, which meant that those on over £22,000 a year would pay more. Since then, Mr Brown has

scrapped all Labour's 1ax commitments and, in the vote on the lp cut in the standard rate of income tax in last year's Budget. Labour officially abstained while the Liberal Democrats and 10 Labour rebels voted against.

government reorganisation met

yesterday to discuss what action

to take following Mr Hague's

instruction that they produce a

publishable version of the

back to their councils and there

are fears that it may take weeks for decisions to be made

as the reports of the lawyers be-

come entangled in the month-

ly and in one case, two-monthly

committee cycles of the coun-

Andrew Loveridge, from

Flintshire council, said after

the meeting: "The legal advis-

ers have now met and will be

briefing their own leaders and

that briefing and a mechanism

has been agreed by the councils

to take this forward, Flintshire.

which has a co-ordinating role,

is not in a position to make any

further comment."
Flintshire is already looking

"Until everyone has received

The lawyers will now report

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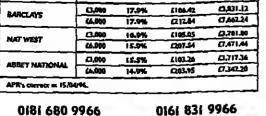
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Child sex claims: Inquiry team seeks assurances over final report Letter highlights 'worrying' fear

ROGER DOBSON

An independent inquiry team investigating allegations of sexual ahuse of young children at a council-run centre for children in Newcastle has asked for reassurances that its report will

Dr Richard Barker and the team have been told that the local authority's lawyers are now investigating whether the report should be published in the wake of the controversial decision in North Wales not to publish the 300-page report into a decade of child abuse at children's homes in Clwyd.

A confidential letter to the team from Newcastle council's lawyers says that a barrister who chaired another inquiry, will be asked for advice. It says: "Hopefully he can provide us with ammunition we could use should there be any dispute with our

The move by Dr Richard Barker and his three colleagues, who were called in to investigate by the city council in Newcastle, follows widespread concern about the influence of insurers in the Clwyd investieadon and the subsequent nonpublication of that report.

William Hague, the secretary of State for Wales, has now told councils to find a way of publishing the report, and he is also believed to be talking to other ministers about the insurance issue. John Jillings and the team who carried out the investigation in Clwyd are also concerned about the role of insurers. Their report reveals that the insurers did not want an investigation because of the useful information it might provide for possible

of the abusers sci up following allegations that young children at a coun-

Victims

cil-run nursery had been sexually abused by workers. It is understood that at least 20 children are alleged to have been victims of abuse.

The team is led by Dr Barker, principal lecturer in social work at the University of Northumbria. Other members are Dr Jacqui Saradjian, a ctin-

of an authority to protect its finances from legal action may take precedence over the duty to protect children from the mistakes and failings of the past. "If this is correct it is very worrying,"the letter says.

Meanwhile, the lawyers of ical psychologisl specialising in councils who took over from

Social workers' list a step closer

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

Formation of a social workers' register to help protect children and others in their care will be taken a step further today when John Bowis, the junior health minister, is expected to promise that the Government will take a constructive approach to such

However, his pledge will stop well short of a commitment to introduce such a body, modelled on the lines of the General Medical Council and the nurses' conneil.

Members can be struck off both of these for malpractice. But amid mounting demands

dren's and old people's homes, Mr Bowis will tell a conference of the Association of Directors of Social Services in Cambridge that he recognises the issue

needs to be tackled. And while there are practical difficulties over creating such a body, he is expected to promise publication this summer of a long-awaited consultation document on the idea which will "expose these issues

at the possibility that an agree ment may not be reached. The council has told the Secretary

constructively To date. Mr Bowis has said only that he has "an open mind" over the idea, and he will today bighlight difficulties which include the possibility that the council could cover a million people if everyone

of State for Wales that if the councils cannot agree he will have to appoint an arbitrator. The letter also says that Mr Hague now has all the other reports and legal advice and is the

child abuse issues, Roy Wardell, Clwyd County Council in local

best person to make a decision. It adds: 'With all that Information clearly you are the person best placed to consider all of the issues including vhether or not you sbould call a full judicial review."

The letter also tackles Mr Hague about not acting when the report was sent to him by Clwyd council.

"It is clear that you have singularly failed to grasp the opportunity presented to you by

for such action in the wake of working in social services was The Newcastle inquiry was a string of scandals in chil-

^{*} Labour keeps Tory divorce plan alive

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The Government was last night forced to rely on Labour to win the first crucial vote on its controversial Divorce Bill in the teeth of a revolt by more than 100 Tory MPs.

MPs last night decisively rejected attempts by leading Tory MPs - bucked by eight minis 3rs -- to maintain the concept of fault in divorce proceedings on a free vote on the Family Law Bill in the Commons.

But it was the Opposition's support which ensured that a substantial revolt of more than 100 Tories led by the former Trade minister Edward Leigh failed to reverse plans to introduce no-fault divorces after one year. The move was was defeuted by 267 votes to 137.

The rebellion was supported by former Cabinet ministers John Redwood and John Patten, at least one whip and at least 10 serving ministers in-cluding David Maclean and Ann Widdecombe of the Home Office, David Davis (Foreign Office) David Willetts (Public Scrvices) and John Bowis (Health), It had also had the backing of most Ulster Unionists and several Eurosceptics, including Richard Shepherd and Sir Teddy Taylor.

Mr Patten said immediately after the vote that the Government should now halt further progress on the Bill because "it was now in the hands of the Op-

The hostility to the Lord Chancellor's measure was so great that the Government whips conceded a free vote. Opening committee stage debate on the Bill, Mr Leigh warned that the move by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackvorce easier and push up the rate of marriage breakdowns.

Leading Tories backing the two crucial amendments had complained about pressure heing put on ministers and others in the so-called "payroll vote" to toe the line. Some reports have claimed that up to 20 ministers privately hack the

Mr Leigh, whose motion would also have aholished "quickie divorces" on the grounds of tault, warned of the "catastrophic effects" of divorce on children. Parliament, he said, could not stop it but could lay down a "moral cornerstone" for

guidance to marriage partners.

The concept of fault should be retained "not because we want to say, 'you are guilty, you should admit it' and build up bitterness in a marriage. But it serves a purpose sometimes to say, 'I'm sorry, I was wrong'."
Patrick Nicholls | Tory MP for

Teignbridge) recalled his experience as a divorce lawyer in a speech strongly advocating the Bill's elimination of fault as a means of reducing the misery in divorce. "One thing I learnt fair-by quickly was that the pit of misery and unhappiness which two people locked in deadlock in matrimony can cause each other is absolutely bottomless. "And now I'm older, I'm at

that rather miserable time of my life when I have to look at the marriages of my friends, which I thought were as stable as I believe my own to be, and see them cascading around me. It brings home to me in a very real way just how utterly miserable vorce situation is."

Sir Edward Heath strongly supported Lord Mackay's Bill and said it would be "absolutely wrong" to restore fault. The former Prime Minister said be did not believe it was any solution to the problem of marital hreakdown to make divorce ay of Clashfern, would make di- more difficult. If divorce was made more difficult fewer people would get married.



No ban on Beefeaters: Three new Yeoman Warders during their first day on duty at the Tower of London yesterday. Phillip Parker, Andrew Thomson and Trevor Hughes joined the famous body, established in 1486, to take visitors around the Tower of London Photograph: Brian Harris

'Murder weapon' was given to police

murdering his girlfriend's par-ents surprised the Court of Appeal yesterday when he revealed details of a shotgun which "could have been used" in the killings.
The gun was handed in at

Tonypandy police station in South Wales on 22 September 1995 - five month's after Jonathan Jones, 37, was jailed for life for the murders.

Police traced the single-barrelled pump action weapon hack to a farmworker. Jeff Ayres. He was known to Harry Tooze, 64, and his 67-year-old wife Megan, who were both shot in the back of the head at their farmhouse in Llanharry. Glamorgan, in July 1993.

The harrister appearing for a husinessman convicted of murdering his girlfriend's parmare the Toozes, shortly after the billings and he decided the killings and he denied owning a shotgun.
"This was a lie. At the time
of the killings it was hidden in
his attic and could have been

used in the murders," said Mr Rees, who added that Ayres had worked for the Toozes shortly before the murders. Mr Rees said the gun, which

had been offered for sale with ammunition for £30, was handed in to police by a colleague of Mr Ayres. He wanted nothing to do with it because it had allegedly been used in the

The disclosure came at the end of the third and final day of submissions by Mr Rees to Mr John Rees QC told the Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice three appeal judges that police Dyson and Mr Justice Gage.

Earlier in the day, he had told them that Jones did have an alibi, but it was treated unfairly by the judge at his trial.

Jones gave evidence at Newport Crown Court that on the day of the murders he was at his tlat in Hollingbourne Towers, Ornington, Kent, and spoke to a lift engineer there.

From a series of photographs shown to him by police, he picked out a man working on the lifts at the flats that day who was not a regular member of the maintenance team, said Mr

Jones said he remembered speaking to the man, Ronald Bell, on Monday, 26 July, 1993. Mr Bell told him that the lift would be back in operation by the following weekend. Mr Rees said Jones judged

rather than other men he had seen working on the lifts for some considerable time, but who were not there that day."

He said the trial it Justice Rougier, had directed the jury on the prosecution the time he spoke to the engiargument that it was unfortu-

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neer as between 1.00pm and nate for Jones that the arrival time at his flat did not coincide 1.30pm hecause when he reached his flat either Neighwith the workmen's account and that this was the one day bours or Home and Away, the Australian dramas, was being they were not there because of a late lunch.

The prosecution had alleged The way he dealt with the timing was unfair on the evithat Mr Bell could not remember the conversation and all dence and circumstances which emerged. In any view, the three lift engineers believed timings were close," argued Mr Rees. The difference was they would have reached the flats later than 1.30pm, after between 1.30pm - the time giv-Mr Rees said: "What an inen by Jonathan Jones - and credible piece of luck this was 1.45pm, when the lift engineers if this was a false alibi that he said they returned.

Mr Rees said the judge also placed insufficient emphasis on the "unique features" of the day related to the police by Jones, which he could not have known about unless he had been at the flats in Kept.

The hearing was adjourned

Model denies affair with Oyston

A model broke down in tears yesterday when she was chal-lenged over her claims that she was raped as a 17-year-old virgin by the media tycoon. Owen

The woman, now 25, told a jury at Liverpool Crown Court that she had "detested" Mr Oyston, 62, from the time she first met him in a restaurant.

"He came across as being slimy and creepy," she told the court. Mr Oyston, who has wide media interests and is chairman of Blackpool Football Club, denies raping her and raping and indecently assaulting another teenage model at his mansion near Lancaster.

"He smells of Obsession aftershave by Calvin Klein. The smell now always makes me feel sick," she said

She said that since she was raped by the millionaire she had done promotional work for Calvin Klein and it had brought back "horrible memories".

She denied she had ever been seen being on affectionate terms with Oyston. And when asked if she had ever said she intended to marry him she replied: "After he had raped me? That would be absurd."

But the woman agreed that since the alleged rape in 1988 she had met Mr Oyston on occasions in London where she had gone to work.

The woman broke down in tears as Anthony Scrivener QC, for the defence, questioned her over her early working life and the date on which she said she joined the Manchester modelling agency, Model Team. whose owner, Peter Martin, introduced her to Mr Ovston. She said: "They have had pri-

vate investigators asking my friends when I was 10 years old if I was a virgin. They have gone through my personal life with private investigators and reporters turning up . . . tearing my whole life apart.

In another tearful outburst during several hours of cross-examination, she insisted: "This incident did happen in 1988 when trial?

Later, as Mr Scrivener questioned her about working in a fashion shop in her home town during the time she claims the incident took place, she told him angrily: "What a waste of time."

The woman, with closecropped blonde bair, insisted she had joined the Manchester agency while still working parttime for the fashion shop.

But she admitted that at an earlier magistrates' court committal hearing, she had lied under oath to knock two years

off her age. She told the court: "I have always lied about my age. Ask 100 people and 90 will tell you women always lie about their

"I am in the modelling husiness. Certain clients ask for girls of a certain age. Some girls would lie and make out they are younger or older to get a certain job. Girls in their thirties would say they are 23."

She also admitted to Mr Scrivener that she could not remember the day or month or the season of the year when the rape had taken place, even though she agreed it was "the most traumatic event" of her

The jury of eight women and four men was told during Mr Scrivener's questioning that the case was a re-trial of the allegations involving the first woman after a jury at Manchester Crown Court failed to reach a verdict on the rape charge and cleared Oyston of an accusation that he indecently assaulted her.

The case continues

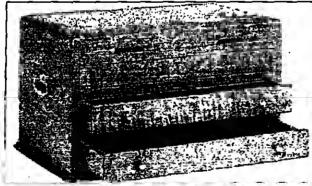
Birth of a new legend as relics of Jackie O's Apocalyptic blow Camelot snapped up for a king's ransom for Potter drama Camelot snapped up for a king's ransom

DAVID USBORNE New York

Even Sotheby's own staff could not stifle the occasional giggle. On Tuesday night, the wellheeled and super-rich of America assembled for the first session of the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis estate sale in New York, instantly sending prices through the roof and all the way to saleroom legend.

"All I can tell you about tonight is that it has surpassed our wildest expectations," the auctioneer for evening, Diana Brooks, said breathlessly afterwards. As to what had possessed hidders both in the room and around the worldto spend so much, she replied: "This is shout history".
History indeed. Embodied

in the collection of antiques, artworks and not always especial-ly distinguished knick-knacks, on the block in nine sale sessions ending on Friday, is the enduring mythology of the Kennedy Camelot era. With every item there is the tantalising knowledge that it was either touched, worn, sat on, eaten off or posed for by Jackie or her husband, the late President.



Pieces of history: JFK's humidor (above), sold for \$598,000 and Jackie's tape measure, sold for \$48,875



there is history-in-the-making. According to the Sotheby's "suggested bid" prices, the en-tire sale was meant to harvest a mere \$3.3m to \$4.6m for Jackie's children, John and

But even in the sale itself Caroline. The final tally could now climb as high \$100m.

The fever that characterised Tuesday returned yesterday morning with many items selling for more than ten times Sotheby's estimates. Due to go

terday: a giant diamond ring given as an engagement gift to Jacqueline by her second husband Aristotle Onassis. Its suggested price; between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

That Tucsday evening was fast going to test the bounds of sanity became obvious with Lot 10. The revolving display at the head of the room did its gameshow-like spin and revealed a footstool so small only the front rows could properly see it. It was scuffed and talty and had a suggested price of \$100-\$150. "I think I'll just start the hidding at \$5,000," Ms Brooks teased. Sixty seconds later and it was gone for \$33,350. But then this was the stool given to Caroline to help her climb onto a White House window seat.

It was pieces like that, with a clear emotional tie to the Kennedy years, that really put the zeros on the cheques. The highest price of the night was for a walnut cigar humidor given to JFK by the comedian Milton Berte. It triggered a hidding con-test that had the audience gasp-ing. Fmally, Marvin Shanken, owner of Cigar Afficionado mag-azine, won it for \$598,000.

Lot 56 was one of two oak rocking chairs used by JFK in the White House to soothe his aching back. Within ten seconds of Ms Brooks taking hids, its price had leaped from a suggested \$3,000 to \$70,000. Not much later, the hammer fell on a price, including Sotheby's commission, of \$442,500.

The tiniest item was a tapemeasure. Granted, it was not the normal DIY variety, but a silver-cased one, made by Tiffany & Co of New York and initialised JBK (Jacqueline Bouviet Kennedy). "A woman has to buy this," Ms Brooks cajoled as the hidding narrowed down to a man and a woman in the sale room. It was the man - a New York decorator - who pocketed it for \$48,875.

On an evening that was somewhere between the Ocars night and a celebrity garage sale, the sublime prices brought excitement, but for some, frustration as well. Karen Mudd and her husband had flown up from Florida with their eyes on the Tiffany measure. They kept bidding until eight grand and then gave up. "We are a little disappointed," she said. "The prices were simply amazing."

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

The unique accord to honour Dennis Potter's dying wish that his final dramas Karaoke and Cold Lazarus be shown on both BBCi and Channel 4 looked a little fragile last night. After splitting the dramas

between them - one cost far more to make than the other as well as hosting a joint launch and even producing a joint press release, the world might have hoped for a peaceful ending to such a historic collaboration. Unfortunately not. The first instalment of

Karaoke starts at 9.30pm on BBC1 on Sunday and will be repeated on Channel 4 the next night. But far from supporting its erstwhile rival, Channel 4 has scheduled the seminal Francis Ford Coppola movie. Apocalypse Now, directly This contrasts with its some-

what less punchy repeat Channel 4 put out at 9pm last Sunday - a documentary about the British bombings of Kurdistan villages in the 1920s and 1930s.

The Sunday before, Channel

That was about the exploitation of deep sleep therapy in an Australian hospital in the 1960s and 1970s. The schedules reveal that Channel 4 has brought forward its Sunday night film by an

hour in an apparent attempt to reduce the audience BBC1 attracts to the first showing of Kamoke. By contrast, the BBC plans to show Panorama in its normal slot when Karaoke is repeated on Channel 4 at 10pm

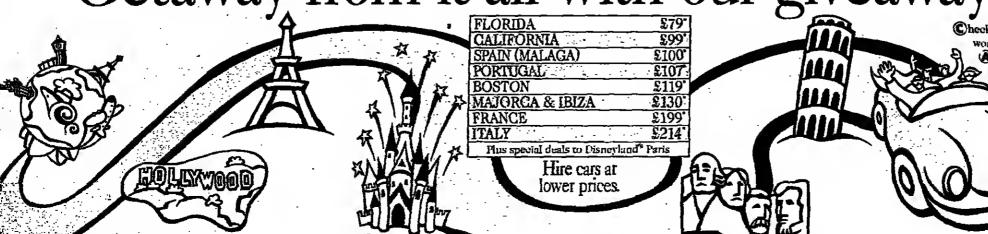
on Monday.

It will be followed by *Omnibus*, documenting the history of the Comic Relief charity on its 10th anniversary. Channel 4 claimed innocence

yesterday. A spokesman said: "BBC1 has chosen an extremely popular documentary to put against us on Monday, about 10 years of Comic Relief, Potentially it's the most popular Om-nibus in the run. Apocatypse Now has been seen many times and we brought the film forward because it is so long. I don't think the BBC has done us any favours."

The BBC appeared to be unfazed. "Channel 4 has an obligation to run an alternative."

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Woman in coma allowed to die

ROS WYNNE-JONES

A woman who has been in a persistent vegetative state for the past four years is to be allowed to die after a court ruled yesterday that doctors could stop artificially feeding her.

In a historic ruling, Lord Cameron of Lochbroom said treatment of Janet Johnston. who has been in PVS since 1992 as a result of seizures she suffered after taking a drugs over-dose, could be discontinued. PVS, as distinct from a coma.

is defined by the Royal College of Physicians as where a patient has heen in a vegetative state. unaware of state or environment, for more than 12 months.

Relatives said the decision had been agonising. Peter John-ston, who wanted his wife to die with dignity, wept as he heard the court's ruling. "It is the right decision," he said from his home in Lanarkshire. "I knew it was coming, but it is so hard to take. Janet was my only love and we were together for thir-ty years, but it will be a big re-lief when she finally gets peace."

In Scotland's first "right to die" ruling. Lord Cameron told the Court of Session in Edinburgh: "I am satisfied from the evidence that it is no longer pos-sible to suggest that the con-tinuance of the treatment . . . is of any benefit to her."

His judgment was postponed for a day after a lawyer ap-

pointed to represent Mrs Johnston's interests made a final apneal for her life. Colin McEachran QC said there were many cases of coma victims showing signs of recovery after many months and that science always offered hope.

Lord Cameron, however, said it would be a "dereliction of the court's duty" not to grant the ruling sought by the Law Hospital NHS Trust in Lanarkshire, allowing her to die.

The hospital, supported by medical opinion from four independent sources, had told the courl that Mrs Johnston was in a "persistent vegetative state with no prospect of recovery".

Dr John Browning, Law Hospital's medical director, said once artificial feeding is withdrawn Mrs Johnston would be expected to die within 10 to 14 days. "These steps will be handled with compassion and sensitivity." he added.

As news of yesterday's ruling reached families with experience of parents and children in PVS, some reacted with anger and disbelief. Eileen Baldwin. whose daughter came round from a seven-month coma, condemned yesterday's decision as "like murder". Mrs Baldwin, of Gravesend, said: "I would never have given up.

But Mr Johnston said: "Nobody understands how I feel . . . you just couldn't understand the stress and the pain.



Star attraction: Workers for Southern Water preparing Brighton's Victorian sewers for guided tours of the underground system during the

Hostility, Castle of Labour leads MP to Blair aide

A Labour MP told the High Court yesterday of his "hostil-ity" towards Tony Blair's press secretary. Alistair Campbell. George Galloway, MP for Glasgow Hillhead, was giving evidence for Tory member Rupert Allason, who is suing Mr Campbell, political journalist Andy McSmith and Mirror Group Newspapers for mali-cious falsehood.

Allason claims that Camp bell, then the Daily Mirror's political editor, and former colleague McSmith, targeted him by falsely writing that 50 MPs had signed an early day motion attacking the member for Torbay over libel damages he had received from MGN. All three defendants deny the claims, which arise from an article in the Daily Mirror on 20 November 1992. Mr Galloway told of the per-

sonal history between himself, Mr Camphell, and former Mirror Group owner Robert Maxwell. "My feelings are ... a man who can serve with such gusto the greatest thief of the 20th century in this country is a person to be kept a warv eye on." He added: "I always kept a weather eye on what he was up to, which was generally no

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EU rebuke for Major over beef plans delay

STEVE BOGGAN and KATHERINE BUTLER

John Major was given a humiliating rebuke by Jacques Santer, the European Union President, yesterday as the Prime Minister admitted to farmers that the beef débacle was the "higgest crisis" he had ever faced.

In a message to Mr Major, Mr Santer warned that Britain's delay in presenting plans to wipe out "mad-cow disease" was seriously damaging prospects for an early lifting of the EU ban. European Commission offirials were said to have been 'amazed" yesterday when Dou-

glas Hogg, the Agriculture Minster, arrived for talks with Franz Fischler, the EU Agriculture Commissioner, with no new plans for ending the crisis. The National Farmers'

Union, frustrated at the minister's failure to act, lodged an application for Judicial review of the ban in the High Court, to be followed by a direct application to the European Court of Justice next week which will include a claim for damages likely to min into hundreds of millions of pounds.

Mr Major and Mr Hogg de-scribed a meeting with NFU members at Downing Street vesterday as "constructive" but Mr Hogg admitted later that he did not expect an early lifting of said Mr Major was clearly disturbed by the effect on Britain's beef industry, describing it as his biggest crisis.

A spokeswoman for the NFU in Scotland said: "Our members cannot confirm the words arecisely, but he definitely said something to that effect."

resentative at the EU-Mr San-ter warned that the cost of compensating British farmers could not be included in the EU's draft budget for 1997, due to be tabled next week, without British figures on numbers of animals to be slaughtered.

Britain has asked that 70 per cent of compensation payments be met by the EU farm budget. But, with five days to go before talks in Luxembourg Commission has still received no written details of how Britain intends to stamp out the disease.

Mr Santer emphasised to Mr Major that the Commission had no desire to prolong the ban but he warned that EU officials, who have the last word, would not begin to consider a relax-

In his plea for action to Mr Major – delivered via Stephen Wall, Britain's permanent rep-A spokesman for Mr Santer

said: "We must see proposals for supplementary measures, but this is so complicated and so difficult that the sooner the better. Today rather than tomorrow. Lawyers for the Nations

Farmers' Union believe their challenges to the EU directives implementing the ban have a high chance of success. Their judicial review application is aimed at the Ministry of Agricise, as agents of the EU in Britain.

Counsel for all parties are expected to ask a High Court udge to refer questions of law to the European Court. However, that route and the direct application could take months to be heard.

mans and cows linked by genes

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Correspondent

A genetic similarity between cows and humans may mean that we can catch mad cow disease by eating infected becf, yet be at no risk of the equivalent disease, scrapie, from sheep, according to new research.

A team of British scientists in Oxford has discovered a surprising relation in one aspect of a particular gene in cows and hominoids (such as humans, gorillas and chimpanzees). Called the PrP gene, it makes the "prion" protein, which is known to become misshapen and then builds up in the brains and spinal cords of cows with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), or in humans with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease caused by exposure to infected

(CJD). Both diseases cause loss of coordination, have no known treatment, and are always fatal.

But the genetic similarity in the PrP gene does not occur between hominoids and sheep, according to the scientists, from the University of Oxford's department of zoology and the National Environment Research Council's Institute of Virology. This difference may explain why humans have never developed CJD from eating sheep infected with scrapic, the equivalent of BSE or CJD, although it has

existed for 200 years. But the similarity between cows and humans might also explain the cause of 10 recent cases of CJD in young adults. The suggestion by expert advisers that the cases might have been

In March 1996, the Dell Latitude" XPi P75D notebook was honoured with a Best Buy award from "What

beef products sparked off the BSE crisis a month ago. The scientists analysed the

PrP genes by looking at their "sequence". Every protein is made up of long chains of shorter molecules, called amino acids. The gene determines the content and sequence of amino acids in the eventual protein. At two points in the PrP protein sequence, cows and hu-

mans have substituted particular amino acids for others found in other mammals. The probability of this being a chance event is less than 0.5 per cent, according to Mark Pagel, who led the project.

"It doesn't mean that cows and humans have a common ancestor," said Dr Pagel yesterday,
"When we reconstruct the likely evolutionary events, the only

explanation is that humans and cows have independently evolved these substitutions. There must be a positive reason for it -which means this substitution gave our human ancestors, and cows, an advantage in natural selection. That would explain how it has spread throughout the species.

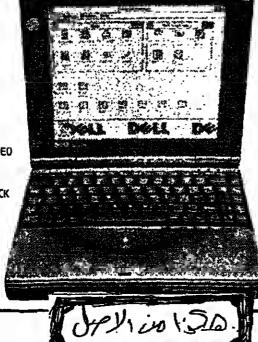
He does not know what the advantage might be, though the team suggests in the science journal Nature that it could in the past have given some resistance against "prion diseases" such as CJD and BSE by mak ing it harder to catch prion diff eases from other species.

Equally, the substitutions could have had some positive effect on the function of PrP. which recent research suggests helps keep vital nerve cells alive.

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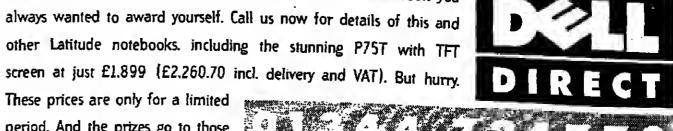
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High-tech bra may help spot cancer

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A fibre-optic hrassiere that avoids using potentially harmful X-rays could soon be used to help detect breast cancer.

Scientists at University College London are due "within months" to complete a movable bedside imager that uses nearinfrared (NIR1 light to see inside the soft tissues of the hody.

Instead of conventional X-ray mammography, the imager uses 32 fibres attached around the breast to read and feed back any changes taking place.

"NIR imaging should provide an excellent method of pre-screening for breast cancer because it is particularly good at picking up the changes associated with the development of small tumours," said Professor David Delpy, who is heading the development team within the medical physics and bio-engineering department at UCL. The number of blood vessels increases significantly around a growing tumour and NIR can track haemoglobin, the red pigment in blood.
X-rays are less effective at spotting small tumours. They

detect the small culcifications found in a tumour, but small ones often don't contain many of these," said Prof Delpy. who introduced the method at yesterday's conference, Medical Engineering - Improving the Quality of Life, at the Royal Society of Medicine in London.

Working with NIR light is difficult because breast tissue absorbs so much of the light energy that the detecting fibres are almost counting single photons - the smallest possible amounts of light.

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of the breast, which many women find painful and offputting.

ti may also become a useful tool for brain scanning, because it can identify damaged areas caused by a blow to the head. The UCL team is already using a larger, stationary version of the NIR system to monitor the hrains of premature habies to identify early symptoms of dam avc.

"At the moment it looks a tittle like an Indian head-dress, with the fibres being held in place around the head by an clastic strip and double-sided

tape," said Prof Delpy.

At 26/27 weeks gestation habies have a head measurement of bor 7 cm ... and the system allows us to monitor the brain in a non invasive and totally safe manner. You can leave it on continuously. You are probably getting as much infrared light on your head now as you would get from the system."

A number of major commercial manufacturers have shown an interest in the mov able prototype, which is due for completion in six to seven months and whose development is being partly funded by the Wellcome Trust.

According to Professor Delpy, the overall cost of the NIR scans should he less than for current X-rays. Most of the technology for the new system was already in place, he said, and should be manufactured quite easily. It's not a competitor for

X-ray mammography, it's just meant to complement it. If it works I would see someone baying an X-ray mammograph and an optical image at the same time." he added. "There's no problem of ac-

harmless and can be used cumulation radiation growth repeatedly or continuously. so you could come back every even on pregnant women. It also six months and could then look avoids the need for compression for differences in the scans."



Co-op funeral director Keith Clagg with the canal boat Savile, which will soon be offering residents of Calderdale, Yorkshire, a peaceful final journey by taking a coffin and up to 12 mourners to the gates of Elland Crematorium

ITV's real-life crime 'a bit tacky'

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

ITV was criticised by the Independent Television Commission yesterday in its annual performance review for 1995 for focusing "too frequently on police work and crime", although the overall quality of its drama was praised.

Peter Rogers, chief executive of the ITC, said that Camera Ac-tion Live and Police, Camera, Action! had given additional concern because their use of closed-circuit television footage had raised privacy issues. While the faces of people in criminal or "dubious" circumstances had been blanked out, neighbours, family or friends could have recognised their identity from their clothes or other clues.

Camera Action Live. ITN's But an ITV network centre November documentary folspokeswoman yesterday delowing the work of police fended the channel, saying: throughout Britain on a Satur- "Crime dramas are enormous- the margins of the schedule". for maintaining high-quality

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Jeff Stewart: Pc Tuesday: Hotilis in The Bill The Bill Long-run-

day night -- carpeted by critics

-was also slated by Mr Rogers

on quality grounds, who said he

quality". He added that some of

the real-crime programmes

were "very patchy indeed". "We

have nothing against cheap programming if it works well, but some of it is a bit tacky.

was not impressed with the

investigative series exposing villains Thursday:

ly popular with viewers. If you

go into any bookshop it is the

mystery, crime and related ma-

terial which people are buying."

The ITC also warned of a

"noticeable shift" in the over-

all balance of the ITV schedule

toward entertainment-led pro-

grammes. Last year the channel ran more drama, entertain-ment and "light" factual pro-

grammes, while education.

religion and arts were "often in

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pared with 1994, ITV ran an av-

erage extra 27 minutes a week

of drama and 46 minutes a week

of entertainment, but cut back

on documeotaries hy an aver-

age 8 minutes a week and on

arts by an average 4 minutes. He warned: "I think the balance has

shifted. It is true to say it is at,

or approaching, the limits of

However, ITV was praised

what it should be.

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original drama at the beart of its peak-time schedule and for providing nine of the teo most viewed dramas (excluding seri-

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als) in 1995. Channel 4 was rebuked by the ITC for not producing enough original material and for too many repeats. But it did retain a "distinctive character" and, as required in its licence, provided good proportion of programmes for tastes and interests

Blood service is £3m in debt

LOUISE JURY

The blood service in England is millions of pounds in debt, despite a big shake-up designed to improve efficiency and cut costs. The debts are understood to exceed £3m and could he higher, a source said.

The National Blood Authority (NBA), which runs the service, may have to ask Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, for extra cash. Despite alarm among staff, an authority spokesman denied it was in financial difficulty.

A husiness plan seen by the Independent shows the northern zone, one of three covering the country, expects to have a deficit of £1m this year. The zone has already used £1. Im of "transitional funding" from the Health Department to carry out reforms and will bave to ask for more, the plan says.

Sources say the western and south Midlands zone is £1.5m overspent and the figure is expected to be higher in the London and South-east region. which has traditionally had to import" slocks from other parts of the country because of a shortage of donors. A Manufacturing Science

and Finance union spokes-woman said members were going home each day with work unfinished. "They are very con-cerned. It indicates there is a financial squeeze."

The figures have emerged as the service is undergoing upheaval, with the work of the regional transfusion centres streamlined following management consultant recomme odations which identified potential savings of £10m.

Scienlists fear the deficit could further delay introduction of more reliable testing for hepatitis B and HTLV-1, a virus type which can cause cancer and neurological illnesses.

A number of problems have contributed to the budgetary shortfall, including the Tuta bag scandal last summer, when new, cheaper blood bags were withdrawn because of contamination. The move was supposed to save the service £700,000 a year, but this was forfeited when managers had to re-



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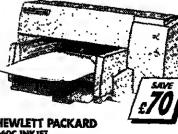
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Nurses' congress: Violent or sexual offenders 'should be excluded' Life ban demanded

for criminal staff

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

The Royal College of Nursing yesterday demanded that nurses who have committed serious criminal offences - especially against patients - should not be re-admitted to the profession.

The resolution, passed by 437 votes to four, with four abstentions, follows a controversial decision last month by the United Kingdom Central Council on Nursing to reinstate Yuen How Choy, a 50-year-old con-

victed rapist. Christine Hancock, general secretary of the college, said that while the RCN motion did not specify which offences should be covered by the ban,

patients were clearly the "bottom line".

In 1972 Mr Choy, a former RCN member and a nurse specialising in mental bealth. drugged a patient in order to have sex with her and 11 years later raped a former patient in her home.

Without naming Mr Choy, Ms Hancock said: "There are some crimes where you can demonstrate that someone bas been treated and cured. I know of no treatment for the assault and rape of patients." She said the college had sent

out a very strong message that nurses who had abused the trust of vulnerable people should not be allowed to prac-

volve patients, there might be, for instance, a case for excluding from the ban people who had been provoked into domestic violence, she said.

In the debate, Maria Nicbolson, of Wycombe and Amersham trust, disclosed that a close friend bad been raped at the age of four and again at nine by a bealth care worker. Ms Nicbolson said the woman bad never forgotten the experience. She lives with it day after day after day." Ms Nicholson said the UKCC had abused its position of trust and she called for

a far tougher approach. Rod Thomson, a health visitor from Merseyside, said: "We cannot have a situation where rapists, murderers and pae-dophiles are still on the regis-

ter, particularly paedophiles." Even when paedophiles were undergoing therapy it proved very difficult for them to stop abusing children, he said.

Proposing the motion, Jessica Cudmore, a students' representative, said the relationship of "extreme trust" between nurses and patients should not be abused, especially as nursing often involved "intimate and invasive" procedures.

Before they were trained, nurses were asked to guarantee that they were of good character. What is the point in that if it is not maintained after registration?" she asked. College officials said they would apply next week for a judicial review of the decision by the UKCC to readmit Mr Chov.

aw allowing 'living wills' urged

BARRIE CLEMENT

Nurses yesterday called for a law backing "living wills" to allow patients the right to "die with dignity."A majority of RCN del-egates a voted, three to one, to give patients the right to refuse treatment which artificially prolongs life, thus reversing previ-

ous the union's policy. The decision brings the college into line with the British Medical Association and the Pa-

tients' Association. Bob Hallawell, a nurse specialising in learning disabili-ties, said that people should be allowed in advance to forego treatment such as "invasive or painful therapies." Living wills, or "advance directives" as they are known in the medical profession, also allow patients to

give their permission for treat-ment in advance, he said.

Delegates insisted they were not endorsing euthanasia - living wills provided for "inaction" rather than a positive act to end life. Mr Hallawell said it would not permit patients to ask others to do anything illegal.

The wills would allow those suffering from a mental disor-

advance of a relapse. Mr Hallawell said. In cases of intellectual deterioration the directives could be drawn up when the patient was capable of

making the decision.

Mr Hallawell said the absence of legal status for advance directives often leaves healthcare professionals, carers and others "in positions of uncertainty, anxiety and conflict".

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Senior nurses with vital clinical experience are being made redundant as part of a drive to cut back on the "grey suits" and "paper shufflers" in the bealth service, according to the Roy-

al College of Nursing.

In targeting National Health Service employees on more than £20,000 a year, trusts are axing senior ward sisters, intensive-care staff and other specialist nurses.

the college has discovered.
The RCN congress heard that the Government's policy of cutting management costs by 5 per cent was seriously affecting patient care. The college's national council was instructed by delegates to investigate the im-

pact of the cuts on nursing.

Christine Hancock, RCN general secretary, said Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, had confirmed in a meeting last month that nursthreat and that he would monitor application of the policy.

Proposing the motion Jacqueline Filkins, of Carlisle NHS trust, said that many senior grades had a management component in their job and were therefore vulnerable to redun-

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dancy. Even staff nurses were expected to manage resources, said Ms Filkins, nursing representative on her trust board.

She said the Government did not intend to target nurses, but trusts were facing considerable financial difficulties and had misinterpreted ministerial policy: "Trusts are losing vital leadership, not just the shufflers of papers. Many of the people ... have

extensive knowledge and practical experience. Expertise is being lost to the trusts.

She knew of more than 100 senior nurses in trusts who had been made redundant, but that was the "tip of the iceberg".

A spokesman for the De-

partment of Health confirmed that the jobs of employees on more than £20,000 a year were under review, but that the exercise excluded those in ch es were not meant to be under specialisms, clinical teaching staff or managing community nurse teams of fewer than 20

He said the department would reissue guidance to trusts later this year which would "consolidate" advice already given by the Audit Commission.



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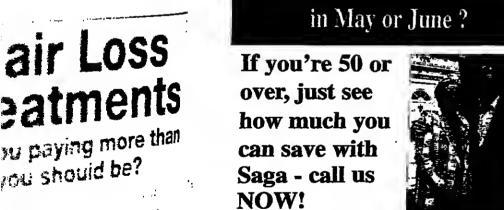
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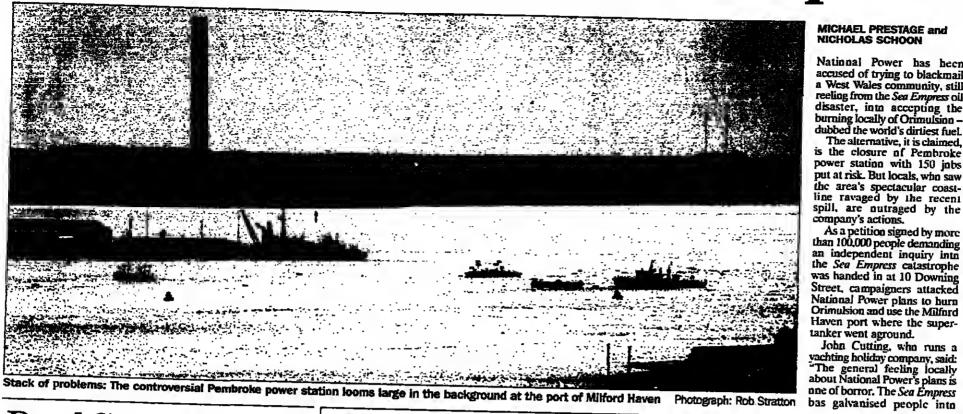
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'Dirtiest' fuel fury of oil spill community



NICHOLAS SCHOON

National Power has been accused of trying to blackmail a West Wales community, still reeling from the Sea Empress oil disaster, into accepting the burning locally of Orimulsinn – dubbed the world's dirtiest fuel.

The alternative, it is claimed, is the closure of Pembroke power station with 150 jobs put at risk. But locals, who saw the area's spectacular coastline ravaged by the recent spill, are nutraged by the company's actions.

As a petition signed by more than 100,000 people demanding an independent inquiry into the Sea Empress catastrophe was handed in at 10 Downing Street, campaigners attacked National Power plans to hurn Orimulsion and use the Milford Haven port where the supertanker went aground.

John Cutting, who runs a yachting holiday company, said: The general feeling locally about National Power's plans is attempts to pacify us have

Campaigners are wary of assurances about the fuel and are enneerned about the prospect of tankers carrying it into Milford Haven. They say that tourism is worth far more

in the local econnmy. A crucial stage in the fight comes an 2 May when Pembrokeshire County Council's planning committee considers proposals for a new jetty at the port. Oppositing groups want councillors to refuse permission and force a public inquiry.

Since last month, no electricity has been produced at the nil-hurning power station. Given the go-ahead, National Power says it will invest £500m and reopen the plant in 1999. David Jackson, the station manager, said: "It would be a tragedy if we allowed our proper and natural concern following an ecological disaster to trigger an economic disaster.

Orimulsion is a mix of water and bitumen from huge reserves lying beneath Venezuela. The fuel is produced by Britar, State nil company, and importantly for National Power – is cheap.

National Power - who have engaged in a majnr public relations campaign - would not discuss figures, but the Pembroke plant could switch to full capacity and he the second largest generating station in the country if it is allowed to hurn the controversial fuel.

But Gordon Janes, of Friends of the Earth Cymru, has repeatedly called for the scheme in be rejected believing it to he badly flawed and discredited. "The Sea Empress ". showed that the authorities were incapable of containing an oil spill. Orimulsion would prove much more difficult to deal with," he warned. Meanwhile, yesterday's Sea

impress protest at Downing Street was backed by a call in the Commons for a public inquiry by Pembroke's Labour MP, Nick Ainger. So far, the Government has only agreed to an investigation by the Department of Transport's Marine Accident Investigation Branch.

Dead Sea Scroll goes public on the Internet

DAILY POEM

John Fuller's Stones and Fire (Chatto, £7.99) is his 13th col-

lection of poetry and appears just ahead of his Collected Po-ems, to be published next year. A fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, since the mid-1960s, he is one of the most prolific and brilliant poets of his generation whose influence has left a mark

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The seal's head in the calm Turns to inspect the shore, The road down to the farm

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No More By John Fuller

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The original 1,000-year-old ars around the world, but Dead Sea Scroll is being made also viewed in minute detail by

casual surfers. The scroll is one of the first fragments of ancient material to be put on the information su-

perhighway by the university. The others selected include ancient letters, books and marriage contracts concerning life in the Middle East a thousand years ago. They all come from Cambridge's Taylor-Schechter Genizah Collection

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Troop carrier blamed for deaths of troops

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

The families of four British soldiers killed when their armoured troop carriers crashed off mountain roads in Bosnia have launched their own investigation after the Ministry of Defence's board of inquiry blamed the drivers for the two accidents

The inquiry, which took 11 months to report, contradicted a United Nations police report which absolved the driver of the first vehicle from any blame.

The parents of the dead soldiers are convinced that the Saxon armoured vehicles were unsuitable for the rough mountain tracks around the Muslim enclave of Gorazde. The I1-too four-wheeled Saxons were used in Gorazde because the Serbs considered the tracked Warrior fighting vehicles too intimidat-ing, and the British Army had no more suitable vehicle immediately available. Questioos about their use in Bosnia have been raised in Parliament this

A BBC South documentary to be screened for the first time tooight follows Geoff Armstroog, the father of Phillip who died in the second of two accideots, aged 21. Christo-pher Turner, 18, and Martin Dowdell, 19, the driver, also died when their vehicle rolled down a mountainside on 12 September 1994. In A Foreign Field, the BBC team interviewed a Bosnian army soldier who described hearing the screams of the soldiers inside the vehicle as it tumbled 500 metres to destruction.

In the first accident, three days earlier, Ben Hinton, 22, was killed and three comrades scriously iojured. The UN military police coocluded that the







Use of the Saxon, top, is being questioned. Killed in the accidents, clockwise from top left: Phillip Armstrong, Martin Dowdell, Ben Hinton, Christopher Turner

edge of the road, which was only 2cm wider than the vehicle, had Ben's father, Mike Hinton,

said: "You can't help feeling that

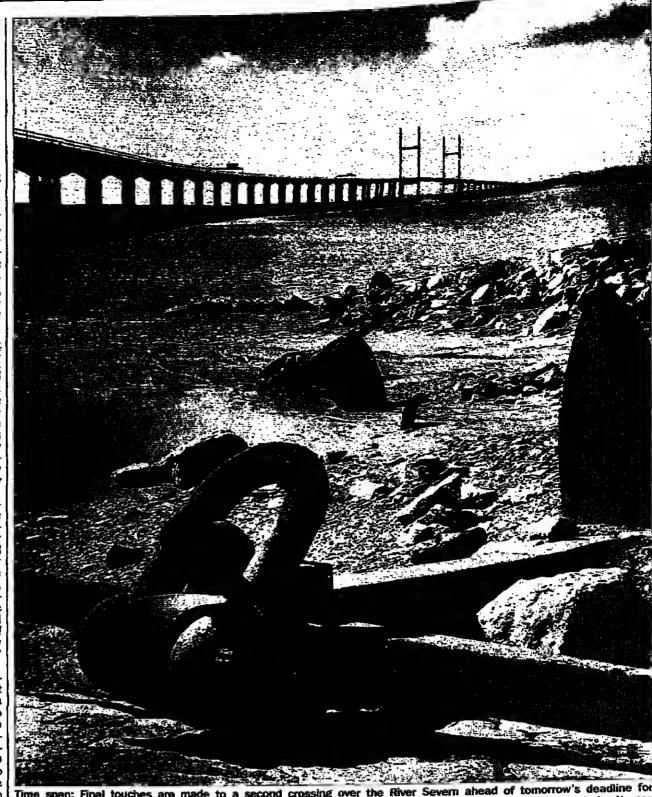
two very similar accideots within three kilometres of each other and three days of each other points to some fundamental flaw in the operating procedure, the vehicle to the track".

All the soldiers were from the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment. Mark Jones, a soldier in the reg-iment, said: "Saxon was just ba-sic. They were horrible. It was OK when we had Saxon in Ireland and they were on a road, but they just didn't seem the right sort of vehicle to be taking up mountains."

Major-General Jonathan Deot, a former head of armoured-vehicle procurement in the Army, said: "We wanted a basic armoured bus which would transport men around the battlefield bearing in mind the battlefield was expected to be the oorth German Plain. This vehicle was deemed eminently suitable. It has reasonable cross country mobility, is reasonably reliable and it was certainly

The best vehicles for the terrain around Gorazde were light-tracked armoured vehicles such as the Scimitar or Spartan, or unarmoured Land Rovers. The heavy Warrior fighting vehicles would not have been able to get up the tracks, but a former commanding of-ficer of the Royal Hampshire Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Reeve-Tucker, described the use of Saxons oo "very steep and rather dodgy tracks as "dehatable".

Mr Armstrong was more critical. "It was possibly the worst place to be stationed in Bosnia and to get these vehicles up these tracks - virtually on top of a mountain - I think somebody in the regimeot, some senior officers, and the MoD should have had the guts to admit to themselves that these Saxons were never meant to



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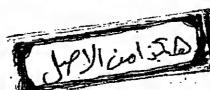
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The voucher scheme has not been finalised. As eovisaged, it with education providers to give customers money off learning programmes around the

It is just one of a number of initiatives being proposed under the Campaign For Learning, launched in the City of Loodon yesterday. The campaign is hacked hy the Government, educatioo providers and

husiness leaders, such as the BA chairman and incoming president of the Confederation of British Industry, Sir Colin Marshall, and Rover Group's chief executive, John Towers.

It seeks to halt Britain's slide down the world's economic league tahles by changing attitudes towards learning. Sir Christopher Ball, chair-

man of the campaign, said at the event, which was addressed by the Secretary of State for Education and Employme ot, Gillian Shephard, that the "mission is to persuade people that they should care about their personal earning in the same way that they we are all gradually learning to care about the environ-

meot and our own health". The initiative was organised by the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, ManuSir Christopher is director of learning, and has sufficient fuods to take it until the year 2000. But it hopes to obtain £4m a year from husiness to finance the marketing effort, which is to be headed by the former Lever Brothers chief executive



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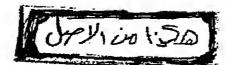
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Blueprint drawn up for reform of Lords

Political Correspondent

If Tony Blair becomes prime minister, he should appoint 63 new Labour peers to create a "fair" and "democratic" House of Lords, and give a Cabinet minister responsibility for his ambitious programme of constitutional changes, according to an influential think tank.

A group of former civil servants sets out today a detailed hlueprint for giving effect to the Labour leader's promise to take away the voting rights of hereditary peers.

A second report examines the changes to Whitchall machinery needed to push through reform of the Lords, devolution of power to a Scottish parliament and English regions, a Freedom of Information Act. new human rights law and ref-erendums oo changiog the voting system and, possibly, a European single currency.

On the Lords, Mr Blair is urged to coovene a "Party Leader's Conference" to seek all-party consensus for longterm reform. But the report warns that simply removing hereditary peers would be unsustainable even as a shortterm measure.

Charges a "giant quango" would be created should be men by opening up the appoint-ments system and agreeing a formula for party strengths. which "could be determined in the short term on the basis of the party in government having a majority of one over the near-

cst opposition party".
This would mean creating 63 Labour peers, as against the 200 required to give Labour a majority over all parties and crossbench peers. Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, recently ruled out creating large lumbers of new peers.

The hlueprint, including a draft Parliament Bill, has been drawn up by the Constitution Unit, a research body funded by a number of trusts, including the Joseph Rowntree and Nuffield foundations.

Although the unit is iode-pendent, its purpose is to examine proposals to reform the United Kingdom's constitution - most of which come from the Labour and Liberal Democrat

Its committee includes MPs from all three main parties, but the chairman, Professor James Cornford, is the former head of the left-leaning policy Institute for Public Policy Research.



Ceasefire: Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announcing the firearms amnesty in central London yesterday

Dunblane prompts 28-day guns amnesty

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

A national firearms amoesty is to take place in June in the wake of the massacre of the Dumblane children, the Home Secretary

was claimed, ending 2,000 years of basing divorce legislation on the "Christian inheritance".

Edward Leigh, a former min-

ister, said trying to solve prob-lems on the basis of "no pain,

oo shame and no apology" as

the Family Law Bill proposed,

would make rebuilding rela-tionships even more difficult.

Debate oo a move, led by Mr

Leigh, to keep adultery and in-

tolerable behaviour as grounds

servative benches.

announced yesterday. But while Michael Howard was confident the move would save lives, he accepted it could not prevent a similar tragedy at

the hands of a deranged gun-man - such as Thomas Hamilton who killed the 16 childreo and their teacher.

"No one is suggesting a firearms amnesty is a panacea in relation to crime that can be committed with guns. It is not -but it can play a part," he said London. "Every gun that is re-

and off the streets is one few-er potential threat, one less potential tragedy or one less potential crime.

The amnesty throughout England, Scotland and Wales will allow anyone to band in any illegally or legally held guns and ammunitioo to police without that the weapons have not been moved out of people's homes used in any crime. Possession of

illegal firearms can normally lead to sentences of up to 10 years in prison and fines. The amnesty will run from 3 to 30 June, People will also be able to report anyone they suspect of holding illegal weapons. Those found with weapons dur-

ing the period will still be During the last weapons amnesty, which followed the

1987 Hungerford massacre, 48,000 weapons were handed in. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, repeated Mr Howard's message north of the border: The people of Scotland have the most compelling of reasons for participating in this amnesty. Every firearm. no matter bow old, which is held that could potentially kill."

its claim that Jeremy Sweeney, managing director of IGA, asked for a copy by telephone. and was sent three copies, but later refused to pay the in-voice, saying he had not placed an order. Mr Sweeoey said yesterday that he could oot comment on the survey's findings or on the dispute with Harris. "Ian Greer is the person you want to speak

politics.

MPs

question

lobbyists'

honesty

The lobbying company seen by MPs as the most effective is also

rated lowest for "honesty and ethical standards", according to a confidential survey obtained by the Independent.

Of the 14 lobbyists in the survey. Ian Greer Associates (IGA) was named by most MPs. 65 per cent, as "very" or "quite" effective. But the firm was rat-ed "low" or "very low" by 28 per cent of MPs for honesty and eth-

ical standards - oo other firm

The survey, which offers a

fascinating insight into MPs views, has provoked a dispute

hetween Harris Research and

IGA, which is refusing to pay for a copy of the report, which Harris claims it ordered.

Harris interviewed 160 MPs

at the end of last year, in order

to sell the information to lob-

bying companies and their clients or potential clients, at a price of £950 each.

It is understood that Harris

is considering legal action over

scored more than 7 per cent.

JOHN RENTOUL

to, and he is not available to comment today," he said. IGA, which lobbies MPs on hehalf of some of Britain's biggest companies, was involved in one part of the "cash for questions" row, prompting the Gov-

ernment to set up Lord Nolan's inquiry into standards in public life, which led to the ban oo paid advocacy by MPs.

It was alleged in 1994 that
Tim Smith and Neil Hamilton.
then ministers, had received

£2,000 per questioo from the Harrods owner Mohamed al-Fayed, through the company, in return for tabling parliameotary questions.

Both Mr Hamilton – who was

forced by the Prime Minister to resign - and Ian Greer, the company's chairman and a former Conservative agent, have denied the claim and have tried to sue newspapers reporting it. But the High Court ruled last year that they could not pursue such an action because it contravened parliamentary privilege.

Two years ago, Mr Greer admitted to the Commons select committee 00 members' interests that he had made six 'thank-you" payments to three MPs in return for introductions to poteotial clients. He refused to name them or say

NEC clears Howarth Right-wing Tories find fault in divorce changes to stand for Labour

JOHN RENTOUL

ouchers plan

Labour's ruling National Executive Committee yesterday Howarth, the MP who defected from the Tories last October, to seek a seat for the oext election.

The Stratford upon Avon MP had been technically prevented from standing for Labour because of a rule which says candidates must have been party members for at least two years. But Tony Blair, the Labour leader, persuaded the NEC, by 15 votes to 5 to rule that Mr Howarth's situation was "exceptional" because, as a Labour MP, he is already a member of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Mr Howarth is believed to be interested in a number of northem seats. Party members in Wentworth, South Yorkshire,

that the leadership intends to impose him as their caodidate.

Yesterday's decision clears the way for Mr Howarth to be chosen in the few remaining ballots of local party members, but it also allows the leadership to "appoint" him as a candidate for a constituency if a general election is called before ballots can he organised.

A spokesman said the party had taken legal advice on its interpretation of the rules. The NEC decided in favour of permitting him to put his name for-ward because of his "right and principled stand" in switching from the Tories. The NEC also voted narrowly

to appoint a panel to interview candidates for Swindon North and effectively decide between Michael Wills, who won the

Tory opposents of the Gov-ernment's divorce law re-□ Bill abolishes 'Christian inheritance' forms yesterday lambasted the ☐ Children suffer most from separation changes as reodering marriage vows meaningless and even, it

we wish to sweep that all away?" Mr Leigh's amendments, supported by the former Cabinet ministers John Patten and John Redwood, would effectively wreck the balance struck by the Lord Chancellor, Lord

Mackay, in framing the Bill. While introducing "no fault" divorce, the measure ends "quickie divorces", so despised by the fundamentalists, and proposes a 12-month period for reflection and consideration.

for divorce while eoding the socalled "quickie" divorce was largely confined to the Con-Mr Leigh said the backdrop was a "crisis of marital breakdown". Each year 158,000 "This is a very solemn momarriages ended in divorce - 41 ment in our history," said the per cent of marriages - and chilright-wing MP. "Our law in this

dren suffered as a result. There was mounting evi-

educated, much more likely to become unemployed and much less likely to be able to sustain

a stable marriage themselves", Mr Leigh claimed. Parliament could not stop it hut could lay down a "moral cornerstone" for guidance. The concept of fault should be re-.tained "not because we want to say. 'you are guilty, you should admit it' and huild up bitterness

in a marriage. "If you bring in no-fault di-vorce, what about the bitterness of the injured party? Life isn't always about being equally to blame. Sometimes there are injured parties and what about their bitterness, what about

their feeling of rejection and the denial of their rights . . ?"

Inside Parliament

Stephen Goodwin

citing the plight of the rejected lady who had supported her hushand but become "middleaged and possibly a little dull".
"She would be very bitter if she was just cast aside like an old glove with no good reason giv-

Towever another ex-divorce Llawyer, Patrick Nicholls, Conservative MP for Teignbridge, said the one thing he learned fairly quickly was "that

in deadlock to matrimony cao cause each other is absolutely bottomless" Those who were inclined to

bring fault back were looking for a sort of certificate of moral righteousness, which could oot Recalling when couples had

to go to court, he said: "There is no video nasty I've ever seen which is more squirmingly emharrassing and more hearthreaking than to see two people trying to explain to the man up there in the wig how they felt, why they had to act as they did." Yel another former divorce lawyer, Elfyn Llwyd of Plaid Cymru, said the present law was

about mud-slinging and some of the mud sometimes splashed on to innocent children. Opposing Mr Leigh, he asked: should private arguments about very personal things be made

area for the best part of 2,000 Dame Elaine Kellett-Boworiginal ballot, and Jim D'Aviyears has been based on our Juthe pit of misery and unhappidence that "the children of divery public in this way, especially what they were paid. Such la. who claimed irregularities. as it serves no useful purpose? daeo-Christian inheritance. Do man, Tory MP for Lancaster and have already expressed fears vorced parents tend to be worse ness which two people locked payments are now banned. RAGE TAKEAWAYS CONSERVATORIES ACCOUNTANTS CAR BREAKDOWN RECOVERY ES **GARAGE SERVICES** FLORISTS **REPLACEMENT WINDOWS** TAXIS & PRIVATE HIRE VEHIC BODY REPAIRS ROOFING SERVICES LOCKSMITHS PIZZAS GLAZIERS CAR HIRE SOLICITO

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Chechen leader's death: Hopes of end to bloodshed fade as hardline successor warns battle for independence will go on

Dudayev's heir vows to carry on the war

PHIL REEVES Moscow

Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen separatist leader who led a 16-month war with Russia that threatened the future of Boris Yeltsin's presidency, was buried vesterday, and so was any immediate chance of peace in

His replacement. Zelimkhan

over the rebel leadership with a vow that the fight for inde-pendence from Russia would go on, according to Itar-Tass.

Although there is speculation that Mr Yandarbiyev, a literary scholar who helped muzzle the media in Chechnya after General Dudayev declared independence in 1991, will not last long, there were other ominous

from sounding triumphant about the death of his so-called arch-enemy, whom he called a bandit". Mindful he has yet to fulfil his promise to end the Chechen conflict before the Russian presidential election in June, he said: "With or without Dudayev, we will end everything in peace in Chechnya."

Confirmation of the death of

announcement on Chechnya's rebel-run "Presidential TV" channel by a top commander. Shamil Basayev. In a move that will anger Moscow, Turkey's President Suleyman Demirel, said he was saddened by the

Among the front-runners to eventually replace the general is Mr Basayev himself, a cele-brated fighter whose bearded

Mr Yeltsin has refrained air force general came with an features appear on posters festooned across southern Chechnya. Russia would prefer Aslan fashkhadov, the Chechen chief-of staff, who took part in last summer's failed peace negotiations, who is viewed as a moderate.

General Dudayev reportedly died after being hit by a Russian rocket attack near the viltage of Gekhi-Chu, an area of south-west Chechnya which

the Russian military has continued to bomb, despite Mr Yeltsin's insistence that all major operations ended with his teadership. declaration of a ceasefire on 3t March. However, specific attacks on rebet fighters were an exception to the ceasefire, com-

cial operations". Speculation was mounting last night that the general was killed in revenge for a Chechen

ing under the category of "spe-

ambush tast week, in which at least 53 troops died, an episode that enraged Russia's military

The Russian commander in Chechnya, General Vyacheslav Tikhamirov, said: "Federat forces had nothing to do with the death of Dzhokhar Dudayev." But sources in the Russia's Interior Ministry privately admitted carrying out assaults in the area in which the gener-

al died, along with several aides He was said to have been stand. ing in a field talking by satellite telephone to an intermediary

about the Kremlin's peace plan. The outlook for peace in Chechnya is now gloomier than ever. Chechen separatists are likely to accuse any new leader who talks about peace of defiling the memory of their dead. now martyred, "president". Obituary, page 18

The best thing that I could do is to die'

Dzhokhar Dudayev, always dapper, was wearing his ofivegreen fatigues, and not the allwhite "death suit", which he saved for days when he was feeling at his most flamboyantly mortal. But he was obviously anxious, harping obsessively on

the possibility of his death. He had lost count of the number of times the Russians had tried to kill him. There had been car bombs, grenades, and a and an occan of mud, we arrived hizarre occasion when he was given a knife with an electronie homing device in the handle, allowing aircraft to track him down. And yet, he said, flashing a cynical grin: "My only bodyguard is Allah,"

One only had to glance around the small sitting room to realise this remark was meant to be figurative. At his side, hidden under a table, lay a semiautomatic weapon. Two armed rebels stood nearby, listening to his late night monologue with reverence. Outside the safe

house, there were more guards. Sitting with him just over a month ago, it defied belief that Russia's special services, with all their Cold War expertise, did not know where he was. After all, we had tracked him down. Yet the general, Russia's most wanted man, was taking every precaution to safeguard his whereabouts, as we discovered en route to his hideout.

our Chechen guards into the

Phil Reeves was present at one of Dudayev's last interviews

back of a closed truck and taken on an odyssey across the Caucasus mountains. Clattering through orchards, across rivers, at a rebel base, only to move on to another, and then another.

One safe house had two dusty, presidential-style limousines in the car park, a reminder of the three years in which the general ruled this tiny republic, sweeping in and out of the presidential palace, now a pile of rubble in Grozny. In the distance, down on the plains, we could hear the crash of Russian hombs on the villages of southwestern Chechnya.

Only well after dark did the general appear, settling into a sofa for a four-hour interview about the evils of the West, the crimes of Mr Yeltsin's regime, the horror of the aerial bombing raids on peaceful villages, and his determination to secure a referendum on independence. We are not as simple as you

think," he said, reflecting on the "trillions of roubles" he said Russia was spending, in trying to assassinate him. "We have After hanging around in a made preparations that after my rebel village headquarters for death, their [the Russians] hours, we had been ordered by problems will increase tenfold." In the next few weeks, it will

become clear whether those preparations exist. Although the 52-year-old general had many enemies in Chechnya, he was a powerful focal point for the movement for total independence. Without him, the Chechen rebel leadership could fracture into warring factions, a process the Russian military is certain to encourage. Announcing the general's death on Chechnya's "Presidential" television station, Shamil Basayev, a top commander, said the new teader will he Zelimkhan Yandarhiyev, 45, a lesser-known Dudayev aide. But this could easily be a holding position un-

til the true successor is chosen. Yesterday, many Russians seemed wary of believing Dudayev was dead. Although Mr Yeltsin had denounced him as a "mad dog", worthy of death, his true relationship with the Kremlin was more ambiguous.

He had agreed to negotiate over Mr Yeltsin's peace pro-posals, a plan on which the President's re-election this summer may depend. But any chance of a warmer relationship was wrecked by last week's Chechen attack on a Russian convoy. which killed at least 53 soldiers.

It is not impossible that hardline generals, infuriated by the peace initiative, ordered the killing of General Dudayev as an act of revenge. Whatever the truth of his death, most Russians will not grieve. Many see him as a crook who led an illegal uprising in a tinpot Islamic re-



Glory days: A dapperty dressed General Dudayev speaking at a rally in Chechnya in 1993

public dominated by gangsters. They remember how his forces humiliated their paratroopers in

late 1991, when they arrived in Chechnya, shortly after he was elected president and declared independence. The troops who found the airport blocked with farm machinery were disarmed by the Chechens, and forced to withdraw without a shot fired.

Russians will also recall with bitterness the episode last June, six months after Mr Yeltsin's unpopular decision to send troops into the republic, when Shamil Basayev led a raid onto Russian soil, seized several thousand hostages in Budyonnovsk in a deadly stand-off which only ended after he and his band se-

cured their safe-passage home.

Then there was the farcical events of January, after another rebel hostage-taking raid in neighbouring Dagestan, when Russia forces failed to subdue a band of Chechens in the village of Pervomayskove, despite

three days of bombardment. Whether the Chechens will find anyone of Dudayev's stature is hard to predict. His

nationalism was forged in the furnace of Soviet repression, as a standard-bearer for the cause. The youngest of seven, he was born in 1944, the year Stalin de-ported the Chechens en masse in cattle trucks to Central Asia

and Siberia. He went with them. "Put yourself in my hoots," the general told us last month, in one of his last interviews.

Photograph: Jeremy Nichol/ Katz

tragedies behind with those who caused them". Death would be a source of "complete satisfaction". On Monday, apparently as he stood in a field, negotiating with

"The best thing for me to do is

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a Kremlin intermediary on a satellite phone, a Russian rocket attack granted his wish.



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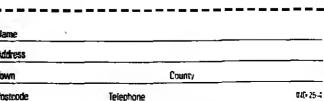
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Oslo peace process: Shift from 'idealism to realism' as PNC leader meets Israeli demands to amend Palestinian charter

Arafat wins historic vote

PATRICK COCKBURN

The Palestinian parliament-inexile last night voted to remove from its charter clauses calling for armed struggle to replace Is-rael with a Palestinian state. Israel has made amending or dropping the charter a condition for starting the final phase of peace talks with the Palestinians and partially withdrawing from the West Bank city of Hebron.

President, won a sweeping ma-jority of 504 votes in the 536-seat favour of revoking the clauses. Mr Arafat needed a two-thirds majority at the PNC, which met in Gaza for the first time.

Hussan Kadr from Balata refugee camp near Nablus, said before the meeting: "I am in two minds. I am heart and soul against the old charter, but I also don't think we are getting enough for dropping it."

Earlier Mr Arafat told the

Clinton hopes ceasefire in Middle East is 'close'

President Bill Clinton said Rafiq Hariri, the Lehanese vesterday that he hoped a cesyesterday that he hoped a cessation of fighting between Israel and guerrillas in Lebanon was "quite close", writes Patrick to strike at civilian targets. The

he said: "I've gotten some en- forces in the Israeli-occupied couraging news that I can't an-

Lebanon as part of his search

Diplomats say Syria and Israel have broadly agreed not Cockburn.

During a meeting with President Elias Hrawi of Lebanon stopped from attacking Israeli

zone in the south of Lebanon. "The major controversy is nounce now."

The major controversy is over the right of the resistance Christopher, the US Secretary to pursue its operations against of State, went to eastern the Israeli occupation troops." a Lehanese official said. He for a ceasefire. Travelling by car added: "Syria and Lebanon will not accept putting an end to

parliament that they had no choice but to change the Palestine National Council in covenant. He had in any case agreed that clauses opposing the existence of Israel would go as part of the Oslo accords in 1993. "Nobody likes to say no

to Yasser Arafat," said Mr Kadr, who belongs to the Palestinian legislative council elect-ed in January. He thought amending the charter was a shift from "idealism to realism". Almost all the Palestinian

leaders gathered in the Shawwa centre were agreed that the tim-ing of the meeting was bad. 'It sounds as if we are surrendering," said Ziyad Abu Amr, a political scientist from Bir Zeit university on the West Bank. He said that since the suicide bombings in March Israel has sealed off Gaza and the West Bank, Palestinian prisoners were still held and there has been no discussion of 850,000 Palestinians displaced because of the 1967

For all Mr Arafat's attempts been gained by the Oslo accords weakness. Even Leila Khalid, to see Mr Peres re-elected. famed former hijacker and for the Liberation of Palestine, after denouncing Oslo, said



Veiled opposition: Hamas supporters demonstrate in Gaza yesterday as the PNC voted to abandon the armed struggle against IsraelPhotograph: Reuter

is against us." Not unsympato be upbeat about what has thetically, she outlined the pressures on Mr Arafat to amend the Palestinian representatives
the charter, such as the need for
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Mrs Khalid, allowed by Israel member of the Popular Front to return from Jordan to vote. was the most obvious symbol in cause of the Israeli bombard-Gaza yesterday of a generation ment, but nobody expected simply: The halance of power of Palestinians who believed events in Lebanon to have termined by the 2.3 million ter, if he is re-elected on 29 May.

that a reversal of the Israeli victory of 1948 was possible. "Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine," said article nine of the charter which

had been forced to flee Tyre be-

much impact on Palestinian affairs. Saleh al-Tamaari, a former Palestinian military leader in way to liberate Palestine," said article nine of the charter which was dropped last night.

Mrs Khalid said her sisters

south Lebanon who was cap-tured during the 1982 Israeli in-vasion, said: "It's appalling. The Israelis have their own version of what is right or wrong." But as a result of Oslo,

Palestinian politics are now de-

Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. The 4 million abroad - including 350,000 in Lebanon - have fess and less influence.

The 14-day-old Israeli bombardment of Lebanon does make Palestinians wonder what they can expect from Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minis-

After my latest brush with Israel's Hetz-class gunboats, I

sat on the coast a little to the north and watched two of the

Ziyad Abu Amr is worried that "Peres is more and more controlled by his generals". He says the Palestinians have now played two important cards the containment of Hamas, the Islamic militant movement, and the amendment of the Palestinian charter - without "getting anything back from Israel".

Wicked little ships give the lie to Israel's moral might

Israel, we were always told, compound at Qana last week. prides itself on the morality of its armed forces. "Purity of arms", we were led to helieve, was the watchword of the Israeli Defence Force, an absolute Beirut, the Israelis can be unmission to avoid civilian casualties in war.

For most Lebanese, any such notions died in Israel's 1978 invasion (2,000 dead, almost all civilians), Israel's 1982 învasion (around 15,700 dead, almost all civilians), the 1993 bombardment of soutbern Lebanon (123 civilians dead, 11 Hizbollah), or the massacre of at least 120 civilians in the UN

Israel has provided reasons for each bloodbath - "terrorism", mistakes, ignorance. But 15 miles down the coast from der no illusions about what they are shooting at. On a 300yard strip of highway over the Awali river, north of Lebanon's second city, a road of hurned-out cars, shell-holes and raw fear, almost every Lebanese civilian motorist is being targeted by three Israeli 488-ton Hetz-class gunboats. The captains of these 200ft vessels can

clearly see their targets by day.

Robert Fisk in Rmeile on the deliberate shelling of Lebanese drivers

and at night through infra-red night vision. Their targets include ambulances, private cars, taxis and vans.

The three ships are named Hetz, the title of the class, Keshet and Romach, - Arrow. Bow and Spear - although when you drive the road all that matters is whether you see a puff of smoke from the wicked

Merecedes in which I was travelling; it exploded 100ft behind us. The same day, a shell exploded 20ft from a car carrying an Australian television

So far, at least eight civilians have been wounded by this de-liberate shellfire, two of whom had to jump from their blazing car. Israel claims it is interdictittle Israeli gunboats lying a ing "terrorist" supply lines, al- like the three children and two young women because it dist mile offshore. On Tuesday, one though anyone who knows women whom the Israelis the owner of the vehicle of the ships took a shot at the Lebanon knows the Hizbollah slaughtered in an ambulance 12 which they are travelling?

bave more secure trails by which to transport their Katyushas south. Those who travel the coast road are civilians, often families, and the Israelis know that.

The Israelis say the Lebanese have been told not to use the highway. And yet, civilians in Sldon have no other road on which to travel to Beirut. But

days ago, the Lebanese are now apparently responsible for their own deaths if they are targeted by Israelis. The ambulance was deliberately targeted by an Israeli helicopter pilot be-cause "it belonged to Hizbol-lah". Even if this was true, which it was not, what morali-ty governs an air force which destroys three children and two

obsessed by their own propaganda, that Lebanon is "a nest of terrorism"? Did they really believe that each civilian they were firing at deserved to be wounded, or killed? young women because it dislikes the owner of the vehicle in

Each time these ships fire their Oerlikon gun at civilians, they prove the lie about "puri-

Lebanesc gunboat fired at Is-raeli civilians in Haifa? The UN ships go on firing at the traffic north of Sidon. What, I won-dered, was going on in the minds of the captain and crew of each vessel? Were they Security Council would be called into session and the centre of Beirut flattened within 24 bours. There would be a question of war-crimes trials. Oddly enough, I haven't met a Lebanese who believes the

ty of arms" and raise the old, old Middle Eastern question of

double standards. What if a

Israeli naval crews trying to kill them off the mouth of the Awali river are going to end up in a war-crimes trial. Not a soul thinks the US will utter a word of condemnation or complaint.

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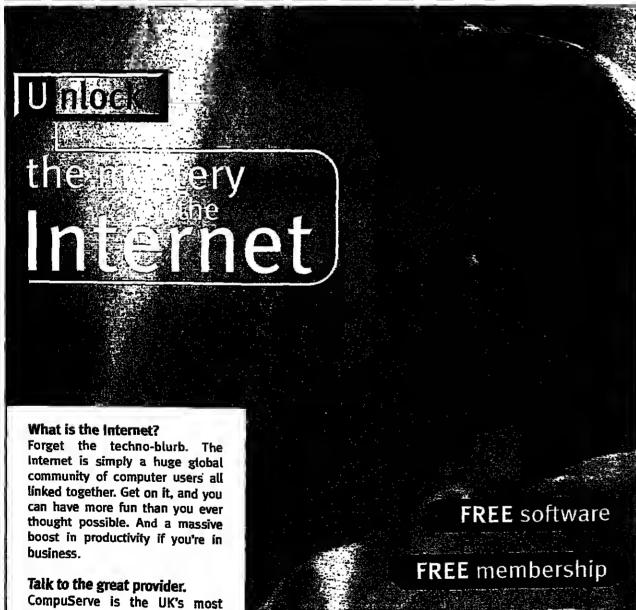
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Italy's Olive Tree sapped by hunt for allies

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Three days after its historie victory, Italy's centre-left Olive Tree coalition is getting a taste of the obstacles ahead, as it struggles with its own internal contradictions, weighs up the choice of allies it needs for a majority in parliament, and fights off lingering fears of the man it beat, Silvio Berlusconi.

Although euphoria remains high and the authority of the prime minister-to-be, Romano Prodi, remains unquestioned, the various branches of the Olive Tree are already swaying to different rhythms.

The centrist wing, led by the outgoing Prime Minister, Lam-berto Dini, has begun wooing the moderate faction of Mr Berlusconi's centre-right, to make up the numbers in par-

liament, it is already talking of the recomposition of the old Christian Democrats as a huffer force between the ex-commu-

nist left and the ex-fascist right. The main left-wing party, the PDS is busy flirting with the party Mr Dini found hardest to keep on his side during his 15 months in government, the far-

member. "We will have to see what we can and what we can't agree on together with it."

Risondazione is tied to the Olive Tree by an electoral pact that served both of them well. But the two groups have little in common. Mr Prodi wants austerity budgets to bring Italy's public debt into line for Euroleft Rifondazione Comunista, pean monetary union, which Ri-"Rifondazione is our ally," said fondazione opposed tooth and carlier this century with to nail when Mr Dini proposed it." education system," he said.

On Tuesday, Mr Prodi said he hoped to privatise the state telecommunications company, Stet, by the end of the year, as part of a programme to sell off state assets. Yesterday, Rifon-dazione's leader, Fausto Bertinotti, said he could never

accept this. "We have to create a big public sphere for mass communications, just as we did earlier this century with the

Mr Bertinotti, a curious mixture of cloth-can trade unionist and radical-ehie fashionvictim, wants a wealth tax on unearned income and guarantees that state workers' salaries will be index-linked, although this was abolished in the early 1990s because it fuelled inflation.

Such proposals are out of the question if Mr Prodi wants to maintain his moderate image and retain the confidence of the has said the Olive Tree's programme will stay as it is and it is up to Rifondazione to decide bether it wants to play along. That means, in practice, that the Olive Tree will have to look

elsewhere for support on eco-Mr Berlusconi, who has nomie and budgetary issues, ocoblems with the judiciary. cither to the volatile Northern League or to disenchanted members of Mr Berlusconi's has made it clear he would take the nomination of Mr Violante as a hostile gesture.

Peking puts

also affecting the choice of ministers. A struggle is developing over the future role of Luciano Violante, a distinguished anti-Mafia magistrate who would normally be a naiural for the justice ministry.

Chinese lay on the red carpet treatment for Yeltsin

TERESA POOLE

Not many visiting male states-men, or indeed women, are bold enough to hug the Chinese president. But in the spirit of fraternal relations. Boris Yeltsin yesterday wrapped his arms around his equally portly host, lips straining in an apparent altempt to plant a hig kiss on Jiang Zemin's right cheek.

Mr Jiang may not have been expecting such ardour, but the Chinese government had laid on the full works for the Russian president. From the moment Mr Yeltsin stepped off the aircraft the red carpet was waiting - in seemingly unending

quantity.
At the official welcoming eeremony at the Great Hall of the People, Mr Yeltsin was flanked by a full military guard of honour, and broad grins were on everyone's faces. Mr Jiang said they were "old friends", before leading his guest to the first of two state hanquets. On Tuesday, Mr Yeltsin had declared: "Today, there are no problems of a political nature between Russia and China."

The Russian president's three-day visit sets the seal on improved Sino-Russian relalions over the past five years. The Russians have come in force: more than 350 were in Mr Yeltsin's party. Today, a politi-



Friendly welcome: The Russian President, Boris Yeltsin, receiving flowers from Chinese officials on his arrival at Peking airport yesterday Photograph: Will Burgess/Reuter

the two presidents, and a range of agreements on economic cooperation between the former Cold War foes will cover topics from manned space flights, to nuclear power and fighting crime. Tomorrow, in Shanghai. Mr Yeltsin. Mr Jiang and the presidents of the former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan will conclude a border confidence building agreement aimed at re-ducing military tensions.

was noticeably tighter, with additional soldiers posted outside the embassy compounds. and large numbers of police along the roads destined for Mr Yeltsin's convoy. Tiananmen Square had also been cleared of people for the late afternoon welcoming ceremony.

Over the previous 24 hours,

the Xinhua news agency had set the tone for the visit hy churning out a stream of reports on the warmth of relations be-

der troops now exchange holiday greetings, it said. And in the north-eastern province of Heilongiang, students were clamouring to study Russian. Sino-Russian trade will be a

centre-point of discussions, with dozens of Russian businessmen due to fly to Shanghai for tomorrow's arrival of Mr Yeltsin. Peking views its northcrn neighbour as a supplier of raw materials and military hardware, while Russia's traders

ket of China. There is considerable room for bilateral trade to improve. According to Chinese figures, two-way trade reached \$7bn (£4.6bn) in 1993, but last year had dropped to \$5.5bn (£3.6bn).

Yesterday, in Peking's "Russian market", a lively line of stalls along the west side of Ritan Park, independent traders from the former Soviet republics were loading huge sackloads of Chinese clothes on to tricycle

a profitable journey home. Three cargo planes a day leave Tianjin airport, east of Peking, destined for Russia. As they bargained ferociously, there was little interest among the Russian entrepreneurs in the fact that their president was in town. "I was here hefore Yeltsin became president and hope I will be here long after he is gone,"

cial delegation. said a former engineer from Khabarovsk, whose Sino-Russian negotiations centred on a

HK visitors on the spot sent from the colony. If the talks

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

Anson Chan, the deputy to the Governor of Hong Kong, and four other officials have been forced into the embarrassing po-sition of paying a visit to China tomorrow without knowing whether their status as senior eaders of the colony's administration will be recognised.

At first it appeared as though they would only be received as rivate individuals. However, after a day in

which the Hong Kong government had tried to play down the status of the visit, an announcement was made last night by China's official news agency which mentioned Mrs Chan's official title of Chief

Secretary.
In a highly unusual move, the Hong Kong government issued this Chinese statement as a press release even though it was far from clear whether the delegation, whose other members were not mentioned, would be received as official representatives of the Hong Kong administration. Embarrassingly. the Hong Kong government had earlier accepted China's invitation on the assumption that its representatives were not going to be recognised as an offi-

China has allowed the amhiguity of their position to remain and will have noted its success in manipulating the Hong Kong government into a position where China has the last word

go well, from the Chinese point of view, they may be described as official.

However, they will only in-volve officials with whom China wishes to bave dialogue and will definitely exclude the Governor, Chris Patten, who is frozen out of all discussions on the transfer of power.

The usually cool and composed Mrs Chan almost lost her temper yesterday when repeatedly asked by reporters about the capacity in which she would be visiting China. She angrily said she was not

prepared lo compromise the talks she would be having with Lu Ping, China's most senior of-ficial dealing with Hong Kong affairs, by answering questions about "what capacity I go up" to China. Doubts about the wisdom of

making the trip delayed a decision until the last possible moment. However, after the green light was given yesterday the Hong Kong government launched a furious attempt at damage limitation. Mr Patten sought to play

down the issue by describing the controversy over the visit as "haffling" and said it was "ridiculous" for Mrs Chan to be seen as anything but the "the leader of Hong Kong's service".

Nevertheless, no official was prepared to admit that China has succeeded in forcing the administration into talks on a basis in which the Hong Kong participants are shorn of any of-

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Aum trial circus acts grip Japanese

Gas attack 'mastermind' makes enigmatic court statement, writes Richard Lloyd Parry in Tokyo

the leader of the Aum Shinri one of the 3,789 people killed Kyo religious cuit, was seen in or injured in the attack had been public was 11 months ago and then he was little more than a hlurred shape, glimpsed "I have always wanted to through the windows of a police help those who have not van. So when he appeared yesterday in chamber number 104 of the Tokyo District Court, no one knew what to expect.

How would he plead to the principal charge against him: that, along with a host of other murders and kidnappings, he ordered the sarin nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway in March last year? Would he be contrite or defiant? Leaks from the justice ministry correctly predicted that he would not be allowed to wear his purple guru robes - instead he wore blue prison overalls. But no one had anticipated that the man held responsible for the deaths of at least two dozen Japanese and the poisoning of 5,500 others. would end up sounding like Princess Diana and Mother

feresa rolled into one. Six-and-a-half hours into his



Asahara: 'I don't care about

The last time Shoko Asahara, trial, after the names of each read out, Mr Asahara was invited to tespond.

"I have always wanted to attained absolute truth, freedom and happiness," he said. "and I still want to do so. Those who don't know truth, freedom and happiness are in agony, and t have striven to ease their pain with a sympathetic heart. don't care about the inconvenience and pain being inflicted upon me. and I don't care about my tife either. I have nothing more to say."

Japanese journalists, who are

able to focus on little else these days, like to call it the "Trial of the Century". The trial began, as it is likely to go on, as a curious circus starring two irreconcilable acts. On one side sits the guru, a quack doctor turned religious leader. On the other is the Japanese justice system, closed and slow-moving. The media are ringmasters.

The final outcome - conviction and, most likely, death by hanging for Mr Asahara - is in little doubt, but it will be a long haul. The wheels of the Japanese justice system grindslowly. Optimistic estimates expect the case to be done with in five vears; if past precedent is anything to go by, Mr Asahara's execution may not be announced until the second decade of the next century.Chances of acquittal are minute: the conviction rate in Japan's district courts is 99.8 per cent. But Mr Asahara's is no ordinary case. The sarin subway

Driven to justice: Shoko Asahara arrives at court in Tokyo. He is charged with ordering the subway gas attack which killed 12 people Photograph: Af muters and poisoned thousands of others was not motivated by the usual terrorist goals. Ac-cording to former followers of the guru it was intended as the first step to Armageddon, ending with a new world order presided over by Mr Asahara.

His words vesterday suggest his convictions remain intact,

Japanese courts have no juries, and the final verdict will be delivered by a panel of four judges. But earlier courts have been lenient on Aum followers on the understanding that they were acting on the guru's orders: he has been convicted before his trial has even hegun.

The deluge of coverage intensified yesterday, with coverage of the trial dominating all the television news channels, A

huzzed over head as 12,000 people queued yesterday morn-ing for a lottery allocating the 48 public seats in the court. Among the people queuing was Hiroshi Teruya, a member of a comedy act called the Na-

Former Turkish leader

in corruption inquiry

Chorus. The troupe performs skits based on the Aum affair, and Mr Teruya explained: "It's hlack comedy," Mr Teruya admitted, "a hit like Monty Python." It was unclear whether he was referring to the song, or

IN BRIEF

Doctors in France down stethoscopes

Paris - Almost three-quarters of France's doctors joined a oneday strike in protest at government reforms of the health and welfare system and cost-control measures they entail, writes

But their action was trumped Mary Dejevsky. by a government decision not only to toughen predicted spending controls on doctors, but also to reorganise the wel-fare management structures in such a way as to deprive France's major trade unions of much of their real power.

Gorbachev attacked

Moscow - A drunk, unemployed man slapped the the former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev in the face during a campaign trip in Siberia. Bodyguards seized the man and handed him to police.

Mubarak assurance Cairo – President Hosni

Mubarak dismissed recent violence by Muslim militants in Egypt and said his government was winning the war against them. The Islamic Group massacred 18 Greek tourists in Cairo tast Thursday. Rewer

Greenpeace snubbed

Sofia - Bulgarian officials rejected a Greenpeace appeal to shut a nuclear plant at Kozloduy and said that its reactors conformed to international safety standards.

Arms panel set up

Washington - House Speaker Newt Gingrich created a special investigative panel to examine what he called the "reckless" US role in Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia.

Aids on the march

Mangochi, Malawi - In some African armies half the soldiers are infected with the virus which causes Aids, a conference on the disease was told, "Prevalence rates in many armies of the developing world, especially in Africa, are exceptionally high," Malawi's Defence Minister, Justin Malewczi, told an Aids conference.

Dying general freed

The Hague - The UN criminal tribunal for former Yugoslavia ordered the immediate provisional release of a Bosnian Serb general, Djordje Djukic, who is dying of cancer. The threejudge panel said the charges should be maintained. Reuter

Chemobyl all-clear

Kiev - Authorities said no one was hurt and there was no more than a minor increase of radioactivity after fire raced through deserted villages around the Chernohyl nuclear plant, scene of the world's worst nuclear accident.

Fire rules broken

Dusseldorf - German authorities said the airport here did not conform to fire protection regulations when a hlaze killed 16 people earlier this month. North-Rhine Westphalia state Premier Johannes Rau said flammable material had been used in false ceilings. Reuter

Tools of Dahmer's trade in murder may be sold

attack, which killed 12 com-

DAVID USBORNE New York

Memorabilia hunters with a twisted taste for the horrific will be celebrating a ruling by an American court yesterday that the tools used by serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer to torture and hypodermic needle and knives, dismember his victims may he as well as drill-hits used by

Final approval for the unusual sale was granted by a judge in Portage, Wisconsin, over the objections of federal prosecutors and after several months of rancourous debate about the fate of Mr Dahmer's grizzly belongings. The proceeds will go to the families of

Dahmer was given several life sentences in 1992 after being convicted of a 13-year, sexually-driven spree of murder and cannibalism that took the lives

of 17 young men and boys. Dahmer was himself bludgeoned to death by a fellow prison inmate in November

Among the items to be auctioned will be a sledgehammer, saws, a hatchet, a foreheads of the drugged victims whom he had lured to his suhurban Wisconsin home.

Also on the block will be the refrigerator and the vat in which hody parts were found when Dahmer was first arrested in 1991. A lawyer who has represented the families of the victims, Thomas Jacobson, has estimated that the entire houseof-horrors haul might raise

News of the impending auction was in gruesome counter-

point to that other auction now captivating the imagination of the American public: the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis estate sale at Sotheby's in New

While the Dahmer sale will hardly attract the same clientele of Kennedy worshippers, there is little doubt that huyers there will he. Evidently, there is a vibrant market in the US for so-called "murderabilia", items directly traceable to the country's most heinous convicts.

Items known to have been avidly traded in recent months include hand-written song lyrics hy notorious cult leader and murder-conspirator. Charles Manson (snapped up for \$1,500), chest hairs from California highway rapist, Roy Norris, and fingernail clippings from Norris's accomplice, Lawrence Bittaker.



Notorious: Jeffrey Dahmer (above) and Charles Manson



commission to investigate corruption charges against former orime minister Tansu Ciller.

MPs voted 232-179 for an inquiry into alleged links between Mrs Ciller and contract irregularities at the state-run electricity distribution compa ny, TEDAS. Approval of the motion in a secret hallot sug-gested that deputies from Mrs Ciller's new coalition partner, Motherland Party (ANAP), had

Ankara (Reuter) — The Turk-ish parliament yesterday passed

an Islamist motion to set up a

abandoned her. She has warned that the conservative coalition government could collapse if ANAP joined the opposition ranks against her.

The commission will work for two months,"deputy speak-er Kamer Genc told the 550member assembly.

Mrs Ciller, who became

Turkey's first-ever woman prime minister in 1993, stands accused of enriching herself, her husband and their associates through manipulation of contracts and privatisation.

"Mrs Ciller's biggest mistake was not preventing her husband from interfering with state contracts and appointments," Islamist MP Sevket Kazan, the architect of the corruption motion, told the parliament. The commission could rec-

chances of becoming premier again under a power-sharing deal with the Prime Minister, Mesut Yilmaz.

Mrs Ciller stepped down in March after inconclusive genParty won by a the narrowest of margins. She was not in parliament for the vote.

The refusal of Mr Yilmaz, leader of ANAP, to rally to Mrs Ciller's defence has renewed doubts about the minority coalition's longevity.

Mr Yilmaz, a political soulmate of Ciller but a hitter personal rival, told his deputies to vote with their consciences. Mrs Ciller called the vote "3

political manoeuvre", but refused to comment on whether ommend taking Mrs Cillet to her coalition was in danger of the Supreme Court, which would effectively ruin her some of its members for the incrumbling, given the support by some of its members for the investigation.

"There's anger in my party. I will try to calm my friends down," said Mrs Ciller

In a separate vote, parliament decided also to investigate eral elections late last year in which the Islam-hased Welfare Altiner for the same charges.

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Labour MP put it, "so tired". Equality doesn't just alienate swing voters it confuses them. Equality of what? Of income? Of taxes paid? Of opportunity? Each has different implications. The result is that every reference lo equality has lo be qual-ified and explained lo avoid misunderslandings. It's very

cumbersome. So there are good political and pragmatic reasons why a hardheaded, left-ofparty might avoid sloganising about equality. But that does

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Alos on the march

noi mean New Labour can escape having a view on the subject. Equality, justice, fairness, calt is what you like, ideas such In Saturday's as these have Independent: lain at the heart of political Tony Blair movements for centuries. New Writes in

Laboor's views response to on equality are an essential part OUR SERIES of its politics.

get, continually honing its cherite portrait of people as views. But Tony Blair and his atomised bundles of self-interallies have spent two years out-lining their moral values and B their speeches and policy about their views on equality.

Tony Blair has wrought two fundamental changes in Labour's approach to social justice. The first is that he has set out a moral vision quite different from that of Labour traditionalists. The second is in Labour's approach to capitalism: it has moved away from the traditionalists' view of the market as the root of deep-scated class inequalities.

What we regard as unfair crucially depends upon what we think people deserve. The most striking thing about Blair as a Labour leader is that for him this depends in large part on the individual. For Blair people are active, participating, choosing beings. Individuals fulfil themselves and lead moral lives

through endcavour. To be happy and fulfilled then, we need to be able to make choices, to learn, to develop and to work.

But these striving, active people are not Thatcher's isolated individuals. They depend on and thrive in - strong commu-nities. We have obligations to the community around us - or, as Blair puts it, responsibilities as well as rights. When an individual gets something out of society, it is only right that she puts something back.

Membership of the community, for Blair, is the precondition of individual fulfilment, and he argues that no one should be excluded, we must all have a stake. Tough on those who take but do not give, to some Blair's emphasis on responsibilities has appeared harsh. Advocates for the underdog fear New Labour will blame

> ing to improve However, insisting that everyone is included in the community, Blair is ple should always be helped to have a second, third and fourth chance in life.

the poor for fail-

New Labour's flourishing individuals are very different from the people who populate old Labour's world: passive recipients of entitlements handed out by the state; workers weak in the face of the power

New Labour is a moving tar- is different, too, from the That-

does it

But it is not just Labour's high-flown values that have causes of inequality has changed as well.

Invectives against the evils of capitalism rarely slip through the lips of the modern Labour politician. Once they argued that class inequalities were the inevitable consequence of capitalism. New Labour takes a very different approach. In place of "working class", New Labour spokespeople refer to the unskilled.

New Labour no longer hlames the market for creating unfairness. Quite the reverse. It says it believes that competition can be extremely fair. It blames vested interests for preventing the market working properly and institutionalising advantages for the few. So, for example, the glass ceilings that stop



Second helpings: although Blair believes people should strive and be active, he also believes they should have a second, third and fourth chance in life Photograph: Craig Easton

Left behind?

New Labour is accused of abandoning the underdog in favour of the middle classes. What does 'equality' mean to the party now, asks Yvette Cooper

women getting to the top of their professions are based on papers hold important clues changed, its diagnosis of the the prejudice of male bosses, who stop the market recognising women's true worth. In the global market economy, Lahour recognises the pressures for growing wage inequalities. But it identifies the most important cause as the growing economic value of skills and their unequal distribution; it's not exploitation by the ruling class. So New Labour has changed its values and its diagnosis. What matters for most of us is what it will mean for taxes and benefits,

education and jobs. Three important consequences for equality flow from these changes in New Labour's approach. First, it is far more important to redistribute opportunities for people to learn and work, than it is to redistribute the cash in their

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pockets. Hence Labour plans homeless and one in three chilits values and analysis. To give an expansion of job and training opportunities for the young and long-term unemployed. Before 1992, Labour's biggest commitment was to raise pensions and child henefit.

tax and benefit system is, they say, testimony to the leadership's indifference to the plight of the poor. Yet that charge is clearly

unfair. The second consequence of Mr Blair's helief in inclusion" is that the welfare of the worst-off must be raised. To guarantee each and every one of us a stake in his hrave new world, his government would need to ameliorate the worst inequalities through tack-ling homelessness and poverty. With millions unemployed or dren brought up in poverty, these are amhitious plans. it remains to be seen how

much levelling-up Labour would actually be prepared to do in the name of social cohe-Labour traditionalists will be sion. New Labour is relatively and pay should be allocated by wincing. New Labour's distaste comfortable with difference in fair competition, on moral and for redistribution through the johs, income, lifestyles or economic grounds. achievements. Payarotti and the millions he makes are fine by New Labour. People who work hard, or exploit their distinctive talents can happily reap their rewards in the market place, for they have earned them. Endeavour deserves reward. And differences in tal-

> ebrated. Yet equality of opportunity on the other hand, appears to have become one of New Labour's central goals. This is the third consequence of the changes in

ents and abilities are to be cel-

people the chance to fulfil themselves they need equal opportunities to learn and to get jobs. New Labour is in the midst of becoming a more meritocratic rather than subsidising private party, which believes that jobs schools; taxing university grad-

Speaking last week in the John Smith memorial lecture, Gordon Brown provided a detailed account of Labour's view of equality of opportunity: Equality of opportunity should not be a one-off, pass-fail, lifedefining event but a continuing opportunity for everyone to have the chance to realise their

potential to the full." In a country where 80 per cent of the sons and daughters of unskilled workers leave school at 16, trying to achieve

radical project, which would require shifting resources towards the education of the least skilled and least advantaged; tackling had schools uates to cover their fees and to use the money saved to improve vocational training instead.

Redistribution? Ouch, Could it be that New Labour would cut the perks and privileges of the successful to extend opportunities to others? It seems so. The party is prepared to cut child benefit for those 16- to 18year-olds who stay on at school to finance new training and education opportunities for the teenagers who don't.

But how far are they prepared to go? New Labour has shown

opportunity in Britain: private schools and inheritance. It appears their main priority is radically to widen the opportunities available to the worst-off, while avoiding hurting those who have most. They want to level up not down. They believe, it seems, that increasing the opportunities for the underdog need not be at the expense of the successful. They want to huild a coalition with the middle classes on the grounds that they can make the entire community better off.

But there is no guarantee that they are right. Sooner or later there will he a crunch. when a Blair government has to choose between paying for a sexy new scheme to improve opportunities for the unskilled, and retaining middle-class tax allowances which assist everyone else. We still can't be sure which way they will jump.

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crat presidentia candidate, Jesse Jackson (left), and his wife Jackie.

which will appear in the New Yorker magazine next week. Musing proudly on his five children Jackson père declares: "What we got comin' along here is gonna be the

Kennedy family of hlack America." But it is the reminiscences of Jackson mère that intrigue me more. Jackie recalls that when they met at a lackie recalls that when they met at a hlack college in North Carolina, his first words to her were: "Hey girl, I'm gonna marry you." If that sounded unoriginally like a pop song, he later followed them up with the more radical line, says Jackie, "that he was goons introduce me to sex." This he gonna introduce me to sex. This he did, taking her to a hlack hrothel (black people being harred from many motels in the early Sixties).

She gets ber helaled revenge in the New Yorker interview, saying: "I acted as if I had done this before. Until we finished. And I said: 'Why did we do that? I got nothing from that. I think it's a waste of time. Jesse could only

stare at me in astonishment." Mrs Jackson remains forthright today. Of her husband's rumoured infidelities she says: "Of course I know what happens out there. I'm no dummy. I happen to like him more than I love him. Love is so temporary and emotional."

Love among the novelists

Nnt so in Britain. Yesterday was the annual Romantic Novel of the Year awards. The winner was Rosamund Pilcher, who earned £4m last year alone. Her book, Coming Home, offers examples of fin de siècle romantic fiction, with the chaps the guardians of moral virtue. civil rights Here is a typical moment:

"No, don't go...' And she added, as though he needed any encouragement, 'it's a double bed. There's masses of leader and space. I'll be all right if you stay. Please stop.' Torn between desire and his own inbred good sense, Jeremy hesitated.

Eventually, 'Is that a good idea?' he

Westminster in denial

All Britain, you might think, acknowledges the possibility of a Labour government in the not-too-distant future. Not so, however, on Westminster City Council.

The good taxpayers of the London borough will be interested to learn that £48,000 of their money goes, each year, Io the Advocacy Group, a political lob-byist ontfit. Its joh is exclusively to make contact with the big guns of parliament.



It doesn't happen that way in the movies

The publicus of eclebrities on the public highway continue. Yesterday I reported how Sir Caff Richard was mobbed on a bus. Now I see that in nerica William Shittner, alias Captam Kirk of Star Trek, was stranded when his car broke down. He tells in an interview how he stopped a passing feulale metorist. In an effort to gain her confidence he pulled celebrity status and declared. The Captain Kirk. "Oh yeah?" she laughed, and sticking her middle finger out of the car window, she added as she drove away. * Well beam this up!"way. Well beam this up!

ested to learn, next, the outcome of a recent review of the lobbyists' performance. And what contact, I asked, had they made with senior Labour Party figures? Er, came the answer, well, none.

Censored porridge

What exactly could have been on the TV to prompt Michael Howard into depriving long-term prisoners of their battery-operated televisions? Looking up the schedules for Tuesday, when he trumpeted his announcement, I see m all channels "A Party Political Broadcast By The Labour Party".

Rockers revenge

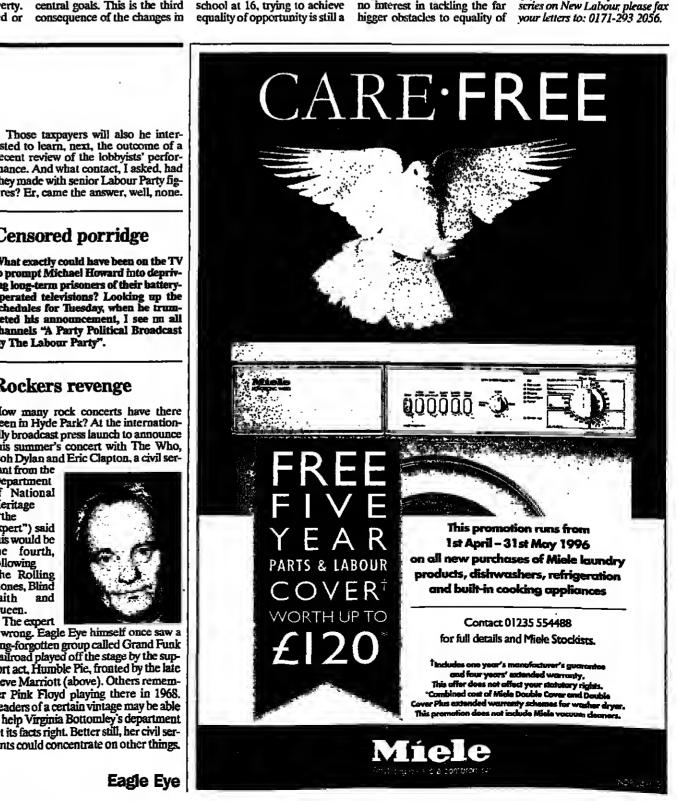
How many rock concerts have there been in Hyde Park? At the internationally broadcast press launch to announce this summer's concert with The Who, Boh Dylan and Eric Clapton, a civil servant from the

Department of National Heritage ("the expert") said this would be the fourth, The Rolling Stones, Blind Faith and Oueen.



The expert is wrong. Eagle Eye himself once saw a long-forgotten group called Grand Funk Railroad played off the stage by the support act, Humble Pie, fronted by the late Steve Marriott (above). Others rememher Pink Floyd playing there in 1968. Readers of a certain vintage may be able to help Virginia Bottomley's department get its facts right. Better still, her civil servants could concentrate on other things.

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The case for two Tory parties

one openly anti-European and the other pro, it could be good for the country, and in the long run, good for the party as well. Neither side would have to waste their time papering over the cracks. Both could present a coherent platform which they might be able to carry through without fear of constant internal dispute.

Such a split is unlikely, of course, far fetched. The bonds of loyalty and history, friendship and fetes that hold the party together at its grassroots are too strong to be weakened by a merely ideological dispute. Yet the possibility of a split and the case for one can no longer be ignored.

The obvious but far from accurate parallel is the role played by the hreakaway Social Democratic Party in provoking Labour to embark upon its sull incomplete modernisation. There is intense dispute about how influential the SDP was in Labour's evolution. Yet one thing is clear. The SDP was hugely productive: many of the new ideas it spawned have been taken up by new Labour, A Eurosceptic rump party split off from the Tories would pour poison over European integration, but deliver no new ideas that would help a Tory revival.

No, the case for a split is not based on the ideological ferment it would create. It is much simpler than that; as it stands the Tory party is increasingly unable to govern effectively. It is this theme - governability - that links the modern Tory party with the Labour Party in the late 1970s. The main issue facing the Labour Party then was whether it ran the country or whether power was really in the hands of the unions. Now the issue that tortures the Torics is also about who governs. "Is Britain run from Whitehall or from Brussels?" ask the Eurosceptics. Instead of Jack Jones and Hugh Scanlon

The case for an open split in the Con-down their demands, we have Sir James day. If the party divided into two parties. at the Dorchester Hotel in Park Lane.

Labour's inability to give a credible answer the question in the late Seventies sank it for more than a decade; the same fate awaiis the Conservatives. Of course, Mr Major would not agree. Yesterday in his speech to the Institute of Directors he made vet another attempt to square the circle. His pitch was to offer a new way to be a Eurosceptic. Mr Major rejects Euroscepticism of tone. He wants to sound Europhile in general, stressing that there is no chance of Britain withdrawing from Europe.

But he bopes there is a way of combining this Europhile tone with a Euroscepticism about the details of policy. On this he may well be right, the case for reform of the Common Fisheries Policy is huge; the case for joining a single cur-rency finely balanced. All legislation emerging from Brussels should be gone through with a fine toothcomb. Yet where Mr Major is wrong is to believe it is also possible to be a Eurosceptic about EU institutions. It is impossible to reconcile a pro-European tone with opting out of vital decision-making committees on social policy, for instance,

Eventually the circle always refuses to he squared. That is what the Eurosceptics. in their simplistic world, understand and that is why they will continue to undermine the Tory party's ability to govern.

Of course all this may pass. Sir James's Referendum Party may well be peaking too soon. But at the moment it is difficult to see how the Conservative Party will get beyond this ideological impasse on Europe and so reassert its credentials as a party capable of stability in government. That is why an open split must be a distant and drastic but

Flogging the establishment

e that spareth the rod hateth his son, schools have followed that trend - only ter 13, verse 24. John Patten, the former education secretary, might well agree. He was flogged with a ferula - a 2ft long whalebone strap - by the Jesuits at Wimbledon College. Corporal punishment, said Mr Patten some 30 years later, under certain circumstances can be really useful". We are perhaps intended

to infer that it clearly did him no harm. Why then, with this endorsement at hoth cabinet and biblical level, has Douglas Hurd gone on to the defensive over a reference to his exploits while at Eton? Sebastian Faulks, in his new book The Fatal Englishman writes of Jeremy Wolfenden being beaten by the Captain of School, "a grave boy called Douglas Hurd". Reviewing the book, the former foreign secretary criticises the chapter on Wolfenden and its "inaccurate account of a beating I am supposed to have given him at Eton". The inaccuracy, however, seems to be solely in the date given for the event. Indeed, Douglas Hurd's reputation as a flogger crops up surprisingly often in reminiscences of old Etonians. Does his disavowal indicate a schism with the flogging tendency of the party, or is Mr Hurd simply trying not to thrash

against the tide of history? Caning pupils in state schools has been illegal since 1982, following a ruling of the European Court. Most private

of Proverbs tells us in chap- a handful still employ corporal punisbment - although the European Court in 1993 upbeld the right of a British private hoarding school to cane a sevenyear-old boy.

The barbaric practice of caning is mercifully on its way out, yet it has clearly left its scars, paradoxically more markedly on the floggers than the floggees. As exem-plified by the memories of the proud-tobe-beaten Patten and the "inaccurate account" Hurd, it is those who administer barbarity who wish to forget, to hide it under the carpet rather shamefully. Those who suffered under it have little alternative but to believe it was good for them. When a recent biography of Anthony Chevenix-Trench accused the late Eton headmaster of being sadistically fond of caning, howls of protest were heard from boys be had thrashed, united

in defending his reputation. Yet what of our other cabinet ministers and captains of industry and the civil service who were educated at public school? What bonds have been tied through thrashings? Who thrashed whom, how often, and when? Surely this is something to be included in the register of members interests. The British establishment is riven by many factions, but it may be that the divide between the floggers and the flogged is one of the least articulated but



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

School system fails with disturbed pupils

had in the past are still there, but

are now in normal schools caus-

ing disruption to others, failing to

make progress and preparing to make even more disruption when

they enter secondary education.

financial, but it also seems to be

the result of a policy, at govern-

ment level, to integrate special-

needs children regardless of the

nature of the need. It goes with-

out saying that parents are no

longer happy for their child to join

our school and that few young

men will wish to come back say-

ing. "Miss, you changed my life!"

(23 April) describe recent shoot-

mgs, riots that took place more

than 10 years ago, a stadium die-

aster in Belgium and the awful

murder of a toddler as somehow

linked and illustrative of Liver-

pool's alleged "urban barbarity".

Brixton riots (all of them), the

killing of PC Blakelock, unpro-

voked attacks on tube passengers

and the murder of a beadmaster

Sir: Alessandro Ansa writes (23

April): "Israel was created by sheer

military might and has continued

to exist through this power." In

1948 there was the sheer military

might of the Egyptian, Jordanian,

Syrian and Iraqi armies assisted by

the sheer military might of the

British, who had a part in arming

Oxford them. When the newly created

as accurately summarising the

character of London.

Presumably he regards the

Twickenham, Middlesex

GWEN REEBIE

Cheerful view from Merseyside

Why Israel relies on military might

Obviously this problem is partly

Sir: There is nothing new about the existence of children who are too difficult for teachers to cope with in ordinary classes ("Teachers lambasted for strike over boy", 23 April). Three years ago I retired from teaching in a school for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties. I was there for 21 years and still help on a voluntary hasis.

In the last few years I have seen a change from an all-round therapeutic school catering for varying problems of about 60 pupils, most of whom returned to normal schooling at the age of 11 and many before, to a sin hin holding a handful of very disturbed children whose real needs cannot be met in a school and who are not provided with the psychiatric belp that in the past was available in boarding establishments.

Oxford and the

'tainted cash' row

Sir: In your editorial on the Flick

benefaction to the University of

Oxford ("The Flick fiasco", 18

April) you attempt to discredit

the university on the grounds of

hand-wringing and inconsistency.

cem was expressed about the

benefaction the matter was, at

once, fully investigated, and the

university took the view that the

money was not tainted and that

it was entirely proper to retain it.

The university has not in any

way retreated from that view, as

Dr Gert-Rudolf Flick himself

acknowledged publicly. The title

was removed from the chair, and

the funding was returned to the

donor, only at the personal request of Dr Flick himself, fol-

lowing a deplorable campaign of

vilification. The university

remains very grateful to Dr Flick

for his initial support.

Dr Peter North

Vice-Chancellor

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The facts are that when con-

The children we would have able conditions. The rest of the children and their parents have the right to learn in controlled and unthreatening conditions. Wild-ing's parents hold sole responsibility for their son's behaviour. Gillian Shephard is ducking hers.

The teachers are absolutely right. BRIAN FRENCH Altrincham, Cheshire

Sir. Am I, the only newspaper reader who has been appalled at the release to the press of the name of a troubled child who has been excluded from school? If this was done by teachers, their union or the school, their ethical standards leave a lot to be desired. JEAN ROBINSON

Sir: Teachers are not parents. Fran Abrams writes: The boy's policemen or social workers. They name was released to Central Telenave the right to teach in reason. have the right to teach in reason- vision by his mother.

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tained efforts of government.

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efforts of local people to realise their ambitions for Merseyside.

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stood that ber survival would

depend upon developing her own

MICHAEL ZEFFERIT

Fareham, Hampshire

sheer military might.

The region still bas much to

ROGER PRIDEAUX

Birkenbead

Merseyside's recent successes.

Paying for yet more roads community, and the improved Sir. Recent debate in the Indejourney times for the bypassing

pendent about the Private Finance Initiative has convinced me that it's time for another cup of Andrew Marr's coffee and a little more concentration ("A public finance scandal in the making.", II April; letters, 20 April). Using the PFI to build socially

useful projects such as schools, colleges and hospitals is one thing, and the merits or otherwise of this approach bave been thoroughly debated; using it to build more roads, which even the Department of Transport itself now admits will simply encourage more traffic, is quite another and the issues this raises have yet to be aired. With the exception of the Channel tunnel rail link. road-building projects form the largest single segment of the PFI. At £1.1hn, the value of road schemes already announced amounts to over twice as much as

the total for hospitals. Sir: I am not a native-born Clearly, his visit to Merseyside building these roads, whereby s be a brave politician who claimed Merseysider. Nevertheless I was appalled to réad Peter Popbam bave known that the very obvious scheme from the national pro-gramme is offered to the private thing. All would say that it is a sector on a design, huild, finance and operate (DBFO) basis in return for payment by the Trea-sury of a "sbadow toll" for every local authorities and private vehicle that uses the road, will simply mean more and more cars, noise and pollution at a time when the consensus is increasachieve but views formed from a

ingly for traffic reduction. It's not bard to see wby DBFO is so attractive to a government short of cash yet eager to cut taxes in the run-up to a general elec-tion. It's a "buy now, pay later" way of reinvigorating a roads programme that had virtually ground to a halt. In the long term, though, it will be a huge waste of public money. A forthcoming report to be published by Transport 2000 shows that the so-called Salisbury bypass in Wiltshire will cost the taxpayer twice as much under the PFI than as a public road. And that is without attempting to put a price on the water meadow setting of Salisbury Cathedral, as painted by Constable and Turner, now due to be severed by a private route on an embankment the height of a telegraph pole.

EMMA MUST Roads Coordinator Transport 2000

Sir. Bypasses are conventionally justified on two basic grounds: the relief given to the bypassed

London NW1

Newbury, Berkshire

Starved research Sir. David Harrison ("Paying for the new pioneers", 17 April) draws attention to the research funding crisis faced by UK universities. However, his suggested solution (even greater selectivity) depends on a number of implau-

sible assumptions: 1) that departmental (and in effect, institutional) "research ratings" have sufficient validity to justify funding decisions;

2) that the (rated) past performance of academics is a valid guide for prediction; 3) that data of poor validity relat-

ing to the performance of other academics who happened in the past to have been in their departments or institutions, provide a valid basis for predicting the future

discoveries of other academics. The nation will not be well served by funding bodies that behave like this. The problem is the underfunding of the system as a whole. This is the problem that must be addressed in the coming

general election. P K BURGESS Department, of Psychology Dundee University ment in terms of the benefit to the bypassing traveller (using the much-criticised CoBA system). However, the situation is somewhat different in Newbury.

traveller. In the examples quote of

by WK Stead (Letters, 23 April)

it is clear that there were signifi-

cant benefits to the bypassed

communities in Devon and Corn-

wall. However, the roads were pri-marily justified by the Govern-

as in any instance where the bypassed community is of significant size. The majority of Newbury's traffic is local, and will remain on the existing roads even if the bypass is built. The community will not be relieved of its traffic problems. For the Government, relieving the problems of Newbury was only ever a side issue compared with the time savings to travellers on the A.34.

The other thing that is differ-And the method chosen for ent is that it is now 1996. It would thing. All would say that it is a matter of halance, with journeytime savings rated as less important than they once were, when compared with habitat destruction, traffic generation, pollution, global warming and the toll of road accidents.

An expensive mistake is being made at Newbury. I pray that this time it will be the last.

RICHARO MANN

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Sir: I was very interested to read the article (23 April) about the mallard's nest found on the route of the Newbury bypass. However, was also concerned at the impression given that the pro-testers have left the area and that tbe fight to stop this hugely dam-

aging road has now ended.
Whilst the people camped in the trees on the bypass route have been evicted, new camps have sprung up around the route of the proposed road. Hundreds of campaigners are still in Newbury and many more are expected to join the campaign when the construc-tion work begins. There is still time for this monstrous scheme to be scrapped and to invest the money in alternative measures that will actually solve Newbury's traffic problems.

SIMON DOWDEN The Third Battle of Newbury

Phew. It's another true blue scorcher

Story so for. Britain has just suf-fered its driest winter ever, following its warmest summer ever. and there are fears of intense drought conditions waiting for us ahead in the summer of 1996. But who or what is to blame for this? Mr Weatherman thinks he has the

So. Mr Weatherman, who or what is to blame for this?

Mr Weatherman writes: I don't think you can say that anyone is to BLAME for bad weather. It is a very modern idea that someone is always to blame. Of course, it is always fun 10 find a scapegoat and we all need a meaningless sacrifice from time to time, and no one can denv it would he nice to see Michael Howard get his comeuppance, but to say that anyone is to BL.1ME for bad weather - well, it's like asking who is to blame for gravity or for the fact that two and two make four.

God. Mr Weatherman writes: Pardon? God is to blame for gravity ... and for two and two makes four, etc ...

Mr Weatherman writes: So you think that God should resign, do you? Yes. In fact, I think he probably has. That probably explains why everything is going wrong. God is no



MILES KINGTON

longer in charge. Exasperated by centuries of criticism, he has resigned in a huff and at the moment we have a caretaker coalition government of archangels, saints and martyrs, all without experience, who are making a hash of the world.

Mr Weatherman writes: Hmm. It's a beguiling theory, but it's a little outside the scope of a simple weather forecaster - I mean, we don't ever like to admit God as a cause of weather. Not in the short term, anyway. I inean, we don't get up on your TV screens and say, "There were several unexpected heavy thunderstorms in the Lancaster district this afternoon which disrupted power supplies: there was no obvious meteorological explanation for this, so God will have to take the responsibility, I'm afraid."

Why not? Mr Weatherman writes: Hardly sci-

entific, is it?

wasn't a proper science? Mr Weatherman writes: Did 1? Yes, I rather think I did, Well, the fact is that meteorology is something even worse than a science. It's a pseudo-science. We like to SOUND like a science. We like to sound as if we DO know what is going on, and why. That's why we use so much talk of isobars and degrees and wind-chill factors and things ...
Just because it sounds scientific?

I thought you said meteorology

Mr Weatherman writes: Yes. That's why we hate it when you ask who is to blame for bad weather. We don't want to use terms like blame, or bad weather. What is BAD weather? No weather is bad in its own right, only had for some-one. Rain is bad for the cricketer, good for the farmer ...

Oh, come on - who IS to blame for the recent dry summer? Mr Weatherman writes: Well, the

Tories, actually. The TORIES? Mr Weatherman writes: Indirectly: yes. Look at it this way. All nature depends on a series of cycles. Yin and yang. Birth and death. Night and day. Hot and cold. Winter and summer.

Sow and reap. Wax and wane ... What's this got to do with the Tories? They don't wax and wane. They just sell off public property to

Mr Weatherman writes: Ah, but you're wrong. The Tories have always been part of a natural cycle of government and oppposition. Once upon a time they alternated with the Liber-

als. Now they alternate with Labour. But they haven't been alternating with Labour! They've been hanging on to office grimly since 19791 Mr Weatherman writes: You're right.

And that's the trouble! For 16 years or more the Tory party has refused to alternate with Labour in the great tradition of British politics. We now think this is beginning to affect everything. The abeyance of the old Toryl Labour cycle is having its effect on the weather cycle, which is also going seri-

You seriously maintain that the longer the Tories stay in office, the more dislocated the weather picture

Mr Weatherman writes: It's just a hypothesis. But it can be easily tested. How?

Mr Weatherman writes: By the Tories resigning. And how can that be engineered? Mr Weatherman writes: I'm glad you asked me that. The easiest way to

get the Tories to resign is ... I'm sorry - that's all we have space for today. Some other time

Prince's good works unsung

Sir. Your leading article on 22 April "A manifesto for the monarchy" suggest that the Prince of Wales should follow the example of the Princess Royal's "impressive, determined charity

Surely he is doing this already, through the Prince's Trust and a host of other concerns to which he gives his unstinting support. Last year Prince Charles carried out over 600 engagements, many nf them relating to charitable causes. The Prince's good work both at home and aboard receives very little publicity, while every opportunity is taken to show him in a bad light.

DONALD FOREMAN Secretary The Constitutional Monarchy Association London E4

Leap-year bug

Sir: The suggested solution to the Millennium Bug, deducting 50 from the year (letter, 20 April), will put the computer user out of step with the sequence of leap years. Alignment can be restored by deducting 28 or 56 instead. Another illustration of the problems that can be caused by oversimplified fixes. JEFF BARNES

Harrow. Middlesex

Voter fatigue

Sir: Andrew Marr's support for a more serious and unpredictable political conversation ("Politicians: if you want us to listen, keep it Sbort", 18 April) is welcome but, alas, forlorn. Having never failed to vote in a local or general election for 45 years, I have decided never to vote again. I now belong to Marr's "Real Britain", turned off not just by the predictability of political communication, but also by its

> R P WILLIAMS Trunch, Norfolk

Haiku cycle

increasing deceitfulness.

Sir: In this environmentally conscious age, the haiku form (Letters, 18. 23 April) could be used as a paper-saver. Government at a paper-saver of the same as a paper saver.

A package of lies on the table, is unwrapped to be recycled

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A nation of voyeurs is not a pretty sight

From publicity-seeking Princess to unruly schoolboy, the line between public and private becomes blurred

As a country, we are losing our she was there to watch because she was "a great lover of children": observinght, in the Commons, MPs were ing surgical operations helped her debating the question of fault in divorces, and many of us may wonder whence comes the right of that assemhlage of self-promoters, genuine moralists, hypocrites and adulterers to pass collective judgement on our intimate affairs.

Everywhere the line hetween what is private and what is for public debate is private and what is for punne debate is hlurred. A disruptive boy drives teachers to the edge of industrial action – that's a public question, involving serious problems for policy-makers. But when the boy, as an individual, is argued about on television and in the press, then his privacy has heen punctured and his life changed forever. No one, apparently, feels uneasy - least of all his parents.

This week's most dramatic image of hroken privacy didn't appear in the Independent - 1'm pleased to say. The appearance of the Princess of Wales. as a thickly-mascara'd observer of a heart operation on a seven-year-old boy, filmed throughout for Sky tele-vision, marked a new low for manipulative voyeurism.

Not everything about it reeked. The boy, from Cameroon, was brought to Harefield hospital by a charity. No doubt it does good work, and no doubt it struggles to raise funds. No doubt young Arnaud Wambo, stretched on the operating table, was delighted to be helped by the Western doctors. No doubt the surgeon. Sir Magdi Yacouh, thought he had managed some sort of publicity coup on

behalf of good works. But the event was obscene. What was the Princess doing there? She said

ing surgical operations helped her "gather information" about "life on the knife edge". Bad enough: what would we say or feel about an ordinary citizen who wanted to push their way into theatres to watch children being operated on?

But she was there as much to be watched as to watch. She had a television crew present so that the world could observe her watching a private event. We talk about intrusion as "stripping away" layers of privacy and, sometimes, of clothing. In this case the child's very flesh was being opened and exposed in an event partly intended to help the Princess's image And this, remember, from a woman who has repeatedly complained about her own privacy being invaded.

Having been suspicious of the attempts of courtiers to portray Diana as several gem stones short of a full tiara, I think we need to accept that she is a very strange woman indeed, who needs more help than she's getting. But as someone who, at least on this occasion, acts as voyeur and exhibitionist at the same time, she is certainly some kind of emblem of mod-

ern British culture. For intrusion isn't something endured by a few famous people for the amusement of the rest of us; it has spread everywhere. A country once famous for its quiet, its privet-hedged, suhurhan reticence, has hecome obsessed by toe-curlingly intimate details of the sex-lives of quite obscure people. In our papers and increasingly in broadcasting, we have become a

The other side of this is that many



We have become toe-curlingly obsessed with obscure people's sex lives

of us have become exhibitionists as well as voyeurs. People happily go on television and talk candidly about things which, a generation ago, would have been stifled in embarrassed silence, even in the family. The agonising deaths of relatives, strange sexual practices, fraud and violent behaviour - all can become the raw material for media exhibitionism. Rob a bank. Get caught. Sell the serial rights.

I don't know whether Lord Beaver-hrook or Sigmund Freud are more to blame for the withering-away of shame: but I think I liked us better when we were a nation of hypocrites.

The important point, though, is that this repeated puncturing of the line between private and public creates

politics and political dehate. Take last night's Commons argument on how and when divorce may take place. In almost any divorce have any view on at all.

confusion about the proper limits of

there are public issues - equity, property rights, the care of children - that are rightly for politics and politicians.

But whether this or that marriage is tolerable is not for MPs. It is for us, and our fallible, private judgements about our fallible private lives. There must be a large space in life that the state simply leaves alone - except where abuse or violence involves the criminal law.

But it pushes and pushes. Because of the welfare hill implications of, for example, single parenthood, the moral cudgel still tends to be waved by the upper middle classes in the direction of the "feckless" poor. The state certainly has an obligation to limit demands on the taxpayer, and consider any perverse consequences of different welfare systems. But that is

a financial matter, not a moral one. It should always be approached in spirit of modesty, even humility. Many British citizens have little chance of a good job, or nice housing, or a high disposable income; for the state to lecture them about how they get their kicks in life, or with whom, or what they eat, or whether or not they choose to smoke, is simply impertinent.

Sex is the most obvious case; and to be fair - Aids campaigning apart politicians are beginning to belt up about that. Ever since reading, at a tender age, a letter in a pornographic magazine from a woman whose hushand liked dressing up as a fully-armoured Roman soldier ("I lie there and hear him come slowly up the stairs -clank, clank, clank ...") I've thought that human sexuality was far too strange and various for the state to

Similarly, when it comes to divorce legislation, it is not the job of the state to promote fidelity; that is for churches, families, peer-group pres-sure and the individual conscience. Lord Mackay's legislation, a modest withdrawal of the law from private life, is therefore a politically virtuous measure, going against the grain of these nosey, interfering times. It is depressing that anti-statist Tories. however strong their personal views on divorce, have been unable to see it that way. If they stand for anything except anti-Europeanism, it should surely include the defence of private

Today, it seems almost a lost cause. The deluge of confessional television, "advice" columns and prurient journalism makes almost everything seem public. It is our free market version of the destruction of privacy in the old Communist states. And by puncturing the separation between decent privacy and the world of public debate and public policy, it is causing real damage to our political culture.

Privacy doesn't seem to be a hig issue in this country. But it should be. The common view of privacy legislation is that it would help protect the politicians and is therefore a bad thing. But a proper privacy law - one which distinguished between intrusion into sexual lives (bad) and into husiness dealings (good, or at least legit-imate) would help rebuild the fence between public and private life. And if it did that, it might help protect the rest of us from politicians and their impertmence - if not yet, perhaps. from the vanity of camera-hungry

Don't pity the banks

The press has got it wrong over the Channel tunnel's financial losses, says Alastair Morton

have experienced or will experience on the same scale, in one morning, the buzz, whine and splat of ricocheting adjectives, adverbs, pictures, cartoons, and even complete sentences that Tuesday morning's press fired my way, after Eurotunnel announced losses for last year of £925m. Patrick Ponsolle, my partner as French co-chairman. was also having a lively time.

It's part of the job at Euro-

tunnel, a job that for more than nine years has been exhilarating, stimulating and very challenging. Getting the tunnel built was a voyage through the English psyche that has reached its destination. It is huilt and its benefits are becoming evident, but the Independent's invitation (leading article, "Thank the banks for our tunnel", 23 April) to pity our creditor banks ignores history.

The opening of the Channel tunnel is the achievement of thousands. That it took nine years to reach full operation is history. That it cost about 65 per cent more to huild than estimated initially is also history. That the extra cost and, much more, the delays have imposed a crippling debt service burden a crippling debt service burden is a fact for which the project partners share responsibility, not a duty of pity. The "culture of blame" in Britain today is deeply unhealthy, we should rather talk of responsibilities, of which – as the French put it – each must take his (or her) own. Responsibility is positive, different from and anterior to blame.

and anterior to blame. We in Eurotunnel, particularly the co-chairmen, accept our responsibility to our shareholders. Our task is to pursue delivery of their expectations, either by our own team or by others. If we fall short, we apologise, as we did in last year's report, and we keep striving, as we promised. Others, too, have accepted or must accept their responsibilities: governments, suppliers - and the promoters of this grand project. The promoters, who to their

eternal credit put this project iner netween 1984 and 1987, were 10 contractors who became TML, and five banks who volunteered to arrange the loans that were the condition precedent of our shareholders' investment.

Let us remember the promoters with respect. The Channel tunnel was not promoted by an independent, listed group called Eurotunnel. We arrived months later in 1986, charged as client with achieving delivery of the promises made by the first of Eurotunnel.

Only a few outside the three partners. Thus all four tabloid pursuits of royalty partners—the two governments. contractors, bankers and client took on responsibilities to each other. Much has heen delivered, but many hopes are still deferred and subject to modification.

In 1985, the five promoter banks reconfirmed that no state funds or guarantees were needed. In 1986, without a live client, they put logether terms for underwriting £5bn in loans to the project. By November 1987 they had a client to attempt delivery of the promises: they had 45 or more underwriting banks fully on board and briefed; eventually they drew 180 more banks into

The 'culture of blame' in Britain today is deeply unhealthy

their syndicate. They had with them their own choice of engineering, legal, economic, management and other specialist advisers with total access to the project throughout the coming years, insulated from any control by the client.

About 40 per cent of the banks made no further commitment after November 1987, and their funds were fully disbursed by November 1990. The remaining banks committed further funds from December 1990. In September 1992, the banks completed an absolutely fundamental review of whether to stop the project or go forward to completion and com-missioning. After listening to their advisers, they continued and now the tunnel is open.

We are partners with our bankers. Without them there would have been no project. Without the governments, the contractors, our shareholders and our own staff - no project. The fulfilment of each partner's expectations has been delayed or deferred. Each partner has responsibilities still to take before the final reckoning is struck. We hope and believe there will he more for our shareholders - the last comers to the partnership and the most vulnerable - than the press is wont to say in its "creditor takes all" fashion. Each partner must negotiate and take a duc share of any pain, and hope to recuperate later.

Sir Alastair Morton is chairman

How Major stumbled into peace The IRA ceasefire started despite the Government rather than because of it, reveals David McKittrick After February's IRA bombing in Docklands which killed two peo-

ple and caused such widespread damage, John Major made a broadcast to the nation in which he asserted: "In 1991, I began a new search for peace." If by this he meant the path that led to the December 1993 Downing Street declaration and the 1994 IRA cessation of violence, he is on decidedly shaky ground in implying ownership of the process.

The Prime Minister's devotion to seeking peace in Ireland is not in question: ne has put more time and ellori into that usually thankiess task than any other modern prime minister. His personal commitment to the search ranks with that of Gladstone and Lloyd George.

The criticism is not one of lack of commitment but lack of a compass. The outside world may have the impression that Mr Major's has been a sure, determined and resolute hand on the tiller. But this is not borne out by the private documentation: rather, the picture is of a government that has often stumbled along, unsure of its bearings, divided in its counsels and

unclear in its aims.

In October 1993, Mr Major was asking the then Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds, to drop the process of draft-ing the declaration - "After giving it very careful consideration, with all the intelligence at our disposal," he wrote, we have very rehictantly concluded that it will not run at the present time ... I know how disappointing this will be to you. I look forward to considering other options."

The fact is that during most of the peace process, Mr Major did not actually believe it would end in peace. It was, in essence, an Irish nationalist process revolving around Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein and the IRA, Albert Reynolds and John Hume, the SDLP leader, together with Catholic priests who, acting as catalysts, helped to bring these different elements together for talks.

This hidden network of contacts, particularly those between Gerry Adams and John Hume, helped to produce new thinking among participants. Some of those who met republicans later said they could see, as they looked into the eyes of Adams and the others, a growing appreciation of views from outside the hermetically

sealed republican underworld. The huge conceptual step eventually taken by the republicans was to call a halt to terrorism, and to do so without any promises from the British government. Instead, the cessation would be called on the understanding that an end to violence would mean



Despite repeated demands for talks, the Government consistently misreads the signs coming from the republicans the beginning of a powerful new

nationalist political coalition. This was followed in August 1994 by the huge practical step of the IRA cessation. While many outside observers have assumed that this can in large measure be attributed to John Major's intricate behind-the-scenes manoeuvrings, there is a case to be made that it all happened despite the Government's stance rather than because of it.

The Government, for a time under Margaret Thatcher and subsequently under John Major, had its own secret lines to the IRA and Sinn Fein between 1990 and 1993. But the striking feature of the voluminous documentation available is that throughout those three years the two sides never

actually got down to real business.
They meandered in circles, becoming bogged down in procedural issues, and at no point was there a comprehensive exploration of the issues and the positions of the two sides. This contact with the British first puzzled the IRA, then exasperated them, then left them convinced that London was not serious and was acting in bad faith.

The IRA concluded, in fact, that the British were even more perfidious than they had always assumed, a judgement that did nothing to speed

the arrival of the cessation.
In August 1994, Mr Major, having listened to the advice of his ministers and his intelligence agencies, did not believe the IRA was about to declare

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an open-ended ceasefire. Taken by surprise by the cessation announcement, his handling of subsequent events was less than sure-footed: the Government often seemed to regard the whole thing as a greasy ball rather

than a golden opportunity.

In the autumn of last year the same people who had advised him that there

would be no ceasefire were telling him that there would be no resumption of violence. This catastrophically inaccurate assessment led Mr Major to believe he was free to push and pres-surise Sinn Fein as much as he wished.

In this the Government, and the intelligence people, got the republican psychology wrong. The democratic instinct rightly recoils from the notion that terrorists should be rewarded because they decide to stop using murder. But this was an instance where huge benefits could have been gained not by rewarding the republicans but by convincing them that their entry into mainstream politics was assured.

The Government never conveyed any sense of this to the IRA. Instead, the impression was given that Britain was intent on turning the cessation into a surrender. The IRA took the British demand for de-commissioning of weapons to be an insistence on capitulation. The months of stalemate that ensued were followed by the Docklands bomb.

The republican mindset is a complex and often subtle one: they often

misread the British but, even more frequently, the British misread them. One Dublin source said with some bitterness that the British "didn't know why the ceasefire started and don't know why it finished".

Photograph: PA

Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein just yesterday made clear that the chances of an early IRA ceasefire are hleak, but the fact that the peace process so often came to life again when it had seemed defunct means that hope of its revival springs eternal. In the meantime some lessons can be learnt from the past six years.

One is that clandestine talks can sometimes bear fruit. Another is that the Government is unlikely to make the right moves in relation to the republicans until it becomes more successful at getting inside the republican brain, studying how these people think, and working out how best their sensibilities can be managed.

The Fight for Peace - the Secret Story behind the Irish Peace Process', by Eamonn Mallie and David McKittrick, was published yesterday by Heinemann.



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More than 100,000 people have signed petitions and pledges calling for an independent inquiry into the Sea Empress oil spill disaster and for the protection of sensitive marine habitats. The petitions and pledges were delivered to Downing Street and the House of Commons yesterday and an adjournment debate was held between myself and the transport minister, Steven Norris, on

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The Government has consistently refused to appoint a truly independent panel of inquiry because, I believe, of a fear that it would reveal serious shortcomings by ministers, including Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman (formerly Secretary of State for Transport), in not implementing in full Lord Donald-

Oil spill inquiry open to question son a recommendations after the ANOTHER VIEW Braer disaster in 1993.

The Government has appointed the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) of the Department of Transport to carry out an inquiry into

the actions that led to the grounding of the Sea Empress and related matters. For the first time, civil servants are being asked to investigate the actions of their political masters and their colleagnes in the Marine Pollu-tion Control Unit and the Coastguard Agency. These officials were directly involved in the decision-making process of the salvage operation that turned an accident which spilt less than

Nick Ainger

1,000 tons of oil when the vessel first grounded into probably the largest oil pollution catastrophe to hit UK shores, when under control of the salvors the ship ran aground again four days later and spilt 70,000 tons of oil. Lord Donaldson's recommended

that powerful salvage tugs should be in position around our coasts, and he specifically recommended that a powerful tug for the western approaches should be on station by the winter of 1994/95. This was not done. There is also evidence from interviews given by the salvors that Department of Transport officials were involved in all decisions taken during the salvage operation and, it has been alleged, they may have agreed to the deliberate discharging of oil to refloat the vessel.

It is vital that the public, particularly those who have been directly affected by this disaster and those who are concerned with the protection of our environment, have confidence in the final report and recommendations. That can only come if the inquiry has an independent element supervising it.

I, and the Labour Party, have asked the Government to recognise that and appoint Lord Donaldson to oversee the inquiry.
In yesterday's adjournment debate I was disappointed, but not surprised,

that the Government failed to appreciate the importance of public perception. The only new point was that Steven Norris stated that ministers would be examined by the inquiry team. That is a vital step forward, and I expect Dr Mawhinney and Sir George Young (the present Secretary of State for Transport) together with the shipping minister, Lord Goschen, to be interviewed as soon as possible. I am sure their evidence will make interesting reading when it is published.

The writer is Labour MP for Pembroke.

Grozzy.

clique and launched two un-

successful coup attempts in

Finally, in December 1994,

came the full-scale onslaught

the Chechens bad long feared.

The Russian army, however, dis-

tinguished itself more by its

blunders and brutality than by

efficiency, and Dudayev

whose secessionist ambitions

had not attracted the support of

any Western governments -

was suddenly transformed in

many people's imaginations

abroad from a comical and cor-

romantic and defiant crusader

for the rights of small nations.

Yeltsin insisted he would

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P. L. Travers

P. L. Travers (the initials stand for Pamela Lyndon) is best known as an author of children's books, in particular as the creator of Mary Poppins, one of the most original and universally loved characters in modern children's fiction: a "cosmic nanny" / "guardian angel" who arrives one day out of the blue. as if sent from Heaven, in Cherry Tree Lane to look after the Banks children, Jane and

The first of P .L. Travers five Mary Poppins books, entitled simply Mary Poppins, was publisbed in 1934 and became an immediate success with children and adults alike. It was translated into 20 languages and became a world-wide bestseller when Walt Disney made it into a film starring Julie Andrews. Four more stories followed at intervals: Mary Poppins Comes Back (1935), Mary Poppins Opens the Door (1943), Mary Poppins in the Park (1952). Mary Poppins in Cherry Tree Lune | 1982) and Mary Poppins and the House Next Door (1989). In the intervening years she published The Fox in the Manger, based on a Christmas carol in which the Fox brings his gift of cunning to infant Jesus, thus uniting cleverness and goodness, wildness and tameness in cosmic harmony: and Friend Monkey, the story of the Linnet family with When her father died, the their pet monkey and their Nanny Miss Brown-Potter. But these characters failed to achieve the same archetypal

status as her first creations. "I have never written for children," she once remarked, for who knows where childhood ends and adulthood begins?" And indeed the timeless, magical world she creates in her work is a reflection of her own mystical poetic vision. This she expanded more theoretically in a series of lectures and essays. of which What the Bee Knows: reflections on myth, symbol and story was a selection published

P. L. Travers was reserved to the point of secretiveness: the

use of initials was partly due to her desire for anonymity: "At first I wanted to publish my books anonymously - the best poems in anthologies are written by Anon." she said. By the same token she did not like biographies: "What porridge Mr Keats had for breakfast is of no consequence," she wrote. As a result for years I did not know that the Iall, elegant old lady I saw walking down our street with a queenly gait was the creator of Mary Poppins. Later I interviewed her for a book and we remained friendly neighbours from then on.

Although warm and open, in interviews she declined answering any questions relating to her private life, or her age. Her official date of birth was 1906; in fact she was born in 1897 in Queensland. Australia, to an Irish father and a moth-er of Scottish origin. She was ed-ucated at home by governesses, and as a young girl she worked in turns as secretary, dancer, actress and journalist. She wrote poetry in childhood. "Hardly Mr reats," commented her father when she showed him her first poem at the age of seven, but her mother was encouraging: "I like the rhyming of mother with smother, she said. She started publishing her poems in various local papers while still a teenager.

family fell on bard times, and she had to abandon her ambition of university education to earn a tiving. She left Australia for London in her early twenties, where she worked as a freelance journalist. Sbc sent some of ber poems to AE (George Russell) who published two of them in the Irish Statesman, of which he was then the editor. Later sbe met him on a trip to Ireland and became his protégée. He introduced her to George Moore in London, and to Yeats and other members of their literary circle in Duhlin. Their close friendship lasted until AE's death. Through him she met A.R. Orage, the editor of



the New English Weekly, who published some of her poems and articles.

It was during convalescence after a severe illness that she conceived Mary Poppins. "She came to me to amuse me." she said, "staying long enough for me to write her down." She believed that her books were gifts of God, "given" to ber, and quoted C. S. Lewis saying, There is only one Creator, we merely mix the ingredients He gives us.

"Gloria in Exectsis Deo," she wrote on the last page of Mary Poppins Comes Back, for, although not religious in the conventional way. P. L. Travers was profoundly mystical. In her youth she had become interested in Zen Buddhism: "The Mary Poppins books were in essence Zen stories," sbc claimed. Later she explored other mystical traditions, and in the last years of her life she became interested in Islamic mysticism (Sufism), particularly the Persian branch of it, through meetings with members of the Fraternity and their publications in Britain.

P. L. Travers lectured exten-

sively at American universities Radcliffe, Smith College, Clermont - and received an bonorary degree from Chatham College, Pittsburgh, in 1978. She never married. "hut I have a family", she would say to deflect further probing - an adopted son and grandchildren whom she loved. Her last years were marred by severe old age, though ber mind remained clear until the end, and she remembered names, titles of hooks and poems accurately. Last time I visited her she told me that Cameron Mackintosh wished to make Mary Poppins into a musical, but that their were problems about rights with Walt Disney's corporation. "It could make a good musical," she said, ber eyes "so blue that they go back to God" sparkling with enthusiasm.

At the end of Mary Poppins Opens the Door, when Mary leaves the children and disap-pears, P. L. Travers wrote: "The bright shape speeding through the air above them would forever keep its secret. But in the summer days to come and the long nights of winter, they would remember . . . Mary Poppins herself had flown away. but the gifts she had brought he the same with P. L. Travers dured as the most popular of its accessible songs (all heautiful-

Shusha Guppy

Mary Poppins is one of that handful of films, including The Wizard of Oz and Disney's animation classics, that bave hecome perennial favourites, writes Tom Vallance. It deserves its popularity, for it is both a morality tale and family entertainment of a high

Set in a never-never land of ponies. The former vaudevillian a stylised Edwardian England, Ed Wynn is Mary's Uncle Albert who literally floats on air when he laughs and has to where it seems perfectly feasible that an eccentric neighbour should erect a ship's deck think sad thoughts to come on his roof, it coats its message down (a counter-variation on with a "spoonful of sugar" that Peter Pan's advice to the Darnever cloys. This is due largely ling children to "think lovely to the performance of Julie thoughts" in order to take Andrews, both matter-of-fact flight). The mid-air tea party at and immensely endearing as the which Albert tells the children nanny who comes down from corny jokes pays homage to anthe sky with her umbrella and other classic, Alice in Wondercarpet-bag, to take charge of the land. A bracingly exuberant dance by chimney-sweeps over London rooftops highlights the choreography of Marc Breaux and Dee Dee Wood, while the neglected children who bave set out their requirements in a letter torn up by their father but wafted to Mary in the clouds. (The film created its own fairy lullaby "Feed the Birds" movtale when Andrews, having ingly features the 85-year-old been famously passed over by Hollywood for the role she Jane Darwell (Ma Joad of The Grapes of Wrath) in her last screen role. originated on stage in My Fair

dy won an Academy Award P. L. Travers reportedly felt the film added too much sugar for this, ber first screen role.) to ber original premise, but cruciating Cockney accent, her "universal truths" are faithbeavily criticised the English fully conveyed, particularly the side of the Atlantic, has taken self-awareness of the children's father, who finally relaxes and joins his children in kite-flying. medians' jokes, and is part of the The splendid supporting cast film's folklore. (He recently are primarily British - Glynis Johns and David Tomlinson as the parents, Matthew Garber delightful experience of my life".) Unlike The Wizard of Oz or Snow White. Mary Poppins has no elements to frighten even the and Karen Dotrice as the children, plus four great character players in Hermione Baddeley, yonngest child - the borde of black-garbed would-be nan-Elsa Lancbester, Artbur Treacher and Reginald Owen.

Though live action sequences were filmed in the summer of 1963, special effects and aniand the film opened in August 1964 to great acclaim to become Disney's higgest box-office success to that time. That success continues today with ongoing video sales and television transmissions all over the world

Helen Lyndon Goff (Pamela Lyndon Travers), writer: born Maryborough, Queensland 9 August 1899: (one adopted son); died London 23 April 1996.

Dzhokhar Dudayev the criminal leader of a mafia

Dzhokhar Dudayev, the rebel Checben leader who was killed last Sunday in a Russian rocket attack, was a hero to his own people hut a figure for whom Russia's political and military authorities reserved the deepest hatred and contempt. His drive to create an independent Chechnya caused President Boris Yeltsin to launch what the Russian leader later described as the worst mistake of his presidency: a war in the northern Caucasus that has so far killed more than 30,000 people image as the standard-bearer rupt Ruritanian bothead into a and badly tarnished Yeltsin's of post-Communist Russian

democracy. Dudayev, whose pin-striped suit, porkpie hat and thin moustache gave him an appearance rather like that of a 1920s silentmovie actor, was born in Chechnya in 1944, perhaps the most tragic year in his nation's history. It was then that Josef Stalin deported the entire Chechen people to Central Asia, faisely accusing them of collaboration with Nazi invaders. Tens of thousands of Chechens died en route and in a subsequent typbus epidemic, and it was not until 1957 that the Soviet state officially rebabilitated the

Chechen nation. As a young man, Dudayev's career flourished. After leaving Kazakhstan at the age of 13, he was educated at the Tambov Aviation School in southern Russia and later at the prestigious Gagarin Aviation Academy outside Moscow. A karate champion in his youth, he joined the Communist Party in 1968 and rose smoothly up the air force's ranks to become the first Soviet general of Chechen origin. After Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1985 and started the reforms that ultimately led to the Soviet Union's collapse, Dudayev was the commander of a division of nuclear bomber aircraft at the Tartu air base in Estonia.

It was at this time that Dudayev first revealed the strength of his political views. Under Kremlin orders to belp suppress Estonia's bid for independence, he refused a command to blockade the television and parliament buildings and was even brave enough to fly the Estonian flag at his base. For this be won lasting popularity with the Estonian people, but was transferred with his unit to Grozny, then the capital of a united

Chechen-Ingusb republic. Dudayev retired from the air force, entering politics as an anti-Communist nationalist and leader of the Pan-National Congress of Chechen Peoples. This organisation swept to power in Chechnya after the abortive hardline Communist coup of August 1991, capitalising on ship of the Chechen-Ingusb republic to support Yeltsin and the democratic forces in Moscow.

Ironically, whereas Dudayev was on Yeltsin's side in August 1991, by 1995 he was the Russian president's mortal enemy. In contrast, Doku Zavgayev, the local Checben leader who failed to support Yeltsin in 1991, was reinstalled by the Russians last year as the head of a pro-Moscow satellite

government. Dudayev's popularity was so great in 1991 that he won a decisive victory in presidential elections in Chechnya, which now considered itself not only separate from Ingusbetia but independent from Russia. Yeltsin's response was to declare martial law in Chechnya, but he was forced into a humiliating climbdown after the partiament in Moscow refused to support him. Nevertheless, for the next three years Yeltsin subjected Chechnya to an economic

blockade, branded Dudayev

never negotiate with Dudayev and only last February, when announcing his decision to run for re-election as president, declared that he would bave the Chechen leader shot. With typical insouciance, Dudayev retorted earlier this month: "It's all the same who is president in Russia. President Yeltsin no longer controls the real power

structures - namely, the army. By refusing to capitulate in the face of Russia's might, Dudayev (who liked to compare himself to a lone wolf, a Chechen national emblem) won comparison with the Imam Shamil, the 19th-century Caucasian hero who fought the Russians for 25 years. Yet Dudayev was also criticised in the West for countenancing hostage-taking and terrorism by several of the armed units loosely grouped under his

leadership. He was bitter that President



Bill Clinton, John Major and others refused to endorse his dream of an independent Chechen state, and hy last February his statements, issued from a variety of secret hideouts, were hecoming increas-ingly hizarre. Thus he accused the United States of funding the Russian military campaign in Chechnya, and even made the fantastic allegation that the Organisation of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) had started the war.

what he portrayed as aggressive Russian imperialism in the Caucasus did not extend to a loathing of Russia's culture or people. He married a Russian, Alevtina, with whom he had two sons and a daughter. One son, Avlar, was reported to bave been killed in Grozny in January 1995.

Dudayev's death deprives the Chechen nation of a leader of genuinely inspirational qualities, but one who was at times erratic and reckless. He and Boris Yeltsin both bear responsibility for the failure to negotiate a deal securing broad-ranging autonomy for Chechnya. As it is, Dudayev's homeland will bear the scars of the latest example of Russian repression in the Caucasus for decades to come.

Tony Barber

Dzhokhar Dudayev, air force officer and politician: born 1944; married (two sons, one daughter): died 21 April 1996.

Erma Bombeck, writer, died of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?

Hiteshwar Saikia, politician, died New Delhi 22 April aged 61. Chief Minister of Assam

Births. Marriages & Deaths

Eva Jones wrote her first nov-

el, about a highly provocative

13-year-old, when she was sixty-something. Published in

1976. Thirteen was dazzlingly

well reviewed, translated into

several languages, and cave her

the confidence to embark on

several more novels, the most

notable of which is a story of sib-

ling incest, Taboo [1981]. Her

previous career had been che-

quered, to say the least; at

times she had even had to read

husband, Rudolf Jonas, in 1929

while dancing the tango. They

were both aged 16, attending

their first dancing lessons in Berlin. One day she heard the

Eva (née Solon) had met her

palms to make a living.

DEATHS

MUNBY: Mary, widow of Denys Mun-by, died peacefully at home on Sun-day 21 April 1996. She is greatly missed by James, Frances, Katharine, Julian, Teresa, Charmion, and her 10 grandchildren. Her funeral will be at Blackfriars. St Giles. Oxford, at 1.30pm, on Monday 29 April, followed by burial at Wolvercote Cemetery. Any enquiries to Rocves & Pain, 238 Abingdon Road, Oxford, telephone

NOWELL-SMITH: Simon, on 28 March, at St Luke's Nursing Home, Oxford, aged 87. Memorial service at New College Chapel, Oxford, Satur-day 11 May at 3pm.

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German Jewish refugees to the Camp de Gurs in the Pyrenees. When the Germans approached the camp she slipped

Birthdays

Nazis goose-step past ber

school and made a rapid get-

away to Paris. She had no mon-

ey and no work permit, but with

her beautiful soprano voice

soon found work singing in an

anti-Nazi cabaret in the Rue

de Seine, run by Isadora

who was studying at the Ecole des Sciences Politiques, she

married him in 1935 and start-

ed training to become an opera

singer, but soon after the out-

break of the Second World

War she was sent with other

Meeting up again with Jonas,

Duncan's brother.

Mr Eric Bristow, darts player, 39; Sir Robin Cater, former chairman. Dis-tillers Company, 77; Mr Anthony Christopher, former trade union leader, 71; Mr Johann Cruyff, football manager, 49; Mr David de Peyer, director-general, Cancer Research Campaign, 62; Dr Thomas Faber, chairman, Geoffrey Faber, 69, Miss Ella Fitzgerald, singer, 78; Lord Gladwyn, author and former diplomat, 96; Sir Francis Graham-Smith, former Astronomer Royal, 73; Lord Hayter, a Deputy Chairman, House of Lords, 85; Mr Alan Hoole. Governor of Anguilla, 54; Sir Paul Judge, director-general of the Con-servative Party, 47; The Earl of Lichfield, photographer, 57; Mr Michael Llewellyn Smith, Ambassador to Greece, 57; Mr Ian McCartney MP. 45; Mr David Machin, Under Treasurer. Gray's ton, 62; Lady Marre, former chairman, BBC and IBA Central Appeals Advisory Commit-tee, 76; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Godfrey Milton-Thompson, 66; Mr Busier Mottram, tennis player, 4t:

Miss Marian Norrie, circuit judge, 56;

Mr John Owen. Governor of the

Cayman Islands, 57; Mr Al Pacino,

out through the barbed wire ("I was able to because I had so little to eat") and went to Toulouse where she somehow survived by telling fortunes and selling newspapers and was once more reunited with Jonas. The authorities decided to send them to an enforced residence, at the foot of the

Eva Jones

Pyrenees. Warned in 1942 by the BBC World Service that the Jews would be deported to Poland, they secretly left the residence and hid in Marseilles and Toulouse. The arrival of German troops in the "free zone" compelled them to run once more, and they found a path over the Pyrenees into Fascist

judge, 63; Mr William Roache, actor. 64; Mr David Shepherd, artist. 65; Lord Skidelsky, former Professor of International Studies, Warwick Uni-

vrsity, 57; Mrs Veronica Sutherland,

ambassador to the Republic of

tretand, 57: Mr Bjorn Ulvaeus,

Births: (St) Louis IX, King of France, 1214; King Edward tt, 1284; Oliver

Cromwell, Lord Protector of Eng-

land, 1599; James Ferguson, astronomer, 1710; Emerich de Vat-

tel, diplomat and jurist, 1714; Sir

Mark Isambard Brunel, engineer and inventor, 1769; John Kehle, An-

clican priest and founder-member of

the Oxford Movement, 1792;

Friedrich Preller, landscape painter, 1804: Gustave-Rodolphe-Clarence

Boulanger, painter, 1824; Pauline

Lucca, soprano, 1841; Charles

Burgess Fry, cricketer and writer, 1872; Walter de la Mare, poet and novelist, 1873; Guglielmo Marconi,

radio pioneer, 1874; Wolfgang Pauli,

physicist, 1900; Edward (Egbert)

Roscoe Murrow, broadcaster and

journalist. 1908: Ross Lockridec.

novelist, 1914. Deaths: Leon Battista

degli Alberti, architect, sculptor,

Anniversaries

Spain. On their arrival. after a 1 am too old," said Eva."I'm in cerated twice, first with thieves and murderers, which she described as "an adventure", then with political prisoners, an experience "which nearly finished me". The British consulate helped them to escape and Eva was taken to Gibraltar and her husband to Lisbon. Once again they were reunited, this time in

Settling in Hampstead with her husband (whose name was altered to Jones while serving in the Forces), Eva taught German for many years and wrote poetry which she recited in pubs. Then Olwyn Hughes advised her to write a novel. "But

writer and musician, 1472; Margaret

of Anjou, Queen, wife of Henry VI.

1482: Torquato Tasso, poet, 1595;

David Teniers the Younger, painter, 1690; John Woodward, geologist

and physician, 1728; Anders Celsius. inventor of the centigrade ther-mometer, 1744; William Cowper,

poet, 1800: Thomas Duncan, painter, 1845; William Beaumont, physiologist, 1853; Daniel Maclise, painter.

1870: Johann Karl Friedrich Zöllner.

astrophysicist, 1882; Louis-Gabriet-

Eugène Isabey, painter and lithog-rapher, 1886; Kawanabe Kyosai,

painter, 1889; Vladimir tvanovich

Nemirovich-Danchenko, playwright

and director, 1943; Gertie Millar

(Countess of Dudley), actress, 1952:

Constance Collier (Laura Constance

Hardie), actress, 1955; Sir Carol

Reed, film director, 1976: Dame

Celia Johnson, actress, 1982; Ginger

Rogers (Virginia Katherine Mc-

Math), actress and dancer, 1995. On

this day: the Dutch defeated the

Spanish in the Bay of Gibrahar, 1607; a Convention Parliament mer and

voted for the restoration of Charles

tt. 1660; the guillotine was first

erected in Paris, 1792; construction

of the Suez Canal began, 1859; the

Confederate forces surrendered to

Admirat Farragus at the Battle of

36-hour walk, they were incar- my sixties now." Olwyn snapped: "You are not old at all. You are just 13." Inspired by this remark, Eva promptly went off and wrote her gorgeous first book, Thirteen. To introduce it she selected a quote by Margot von Sydow: "The soul does not

Even Dick Van Dyke's ex-

on its own quaint charm, be-

come the butt of countless co-

described the film as "the most

nies, wafted off by a magical

breeze, are the closest thing to

ly orchestrated by Irwin Kostal) though the lilting "Chim Chim

Cherce" won the Oscar. A de-lightful animation sequence,

cued by "Jolly Oliday", in-

cludes farmyard animals joining

in song. Andrews and Van Dyke

gliding across a brook on the

backs of two turtles, a jaunty tap routine by Van Dyke and a row

of penguin waiters, and as its cli-

max a lively gallop on carousel

witches on view.

No words could have been more appropriate for Eva, whose soul flashed impatiently out of her gyes and who scorned resignation. She went on writing books, including Mulou (1982), the story of a gifted singer who refuses to recognise her talents. She suffered a severe stroke in 1988, which meant that three of her novels

New Orleans, 1862; the musical

show The Geisha was first produced, London, 1896; the United States de-

clared war on Spain, 1898; British, French, Australian and New Zealand

forces landed at the Gallipoli penin-

sula. Turkey, 1915; Field Murshal Paul

von Hindenburg became president of Germany, 1925; Puccini's opera Tu-

runder was first performed, in Milan,

1926: the San Francisco Conference

of Allied nations opened, 1945; in North America, the St Lawrence Sea-

way. 89 miles tong, was opened,

1959; the BBC radio social The Dales

ended after 21 years and over 5,400 upisodes, 1969, in Portugal, a military

junta deposed the government, president and prime minister, 1974; in

Stockholm, the West German em-

bassy was blown up by terrorists and

two people shot, 1975; Portugal held

its first free elections for 50 years,

1975. Today is Anzac Day and the

Feast Day of St Anianus of Alexan-

dria. St Heribald and St Mark the

National Gallety: Dillian Gordon,

"Lost and Found (iii): the missing

Predella Panel reunited; Pesellino,

The Trings with Saints", 1pm.

Lectures



Jones: 'The soul does not age'

are still waiting for a posthumous publisher. Jill Neville

Eva Solon (Eva Jones), novelist: born Berlin 27 July 1913: mar-ried 1935 Rudolf Jonas (onc daughter); died London 17 April 1996.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Sarab

Bowles, "The Social History of Fur-niture [iii]", 2.30pm.

tine Riding, "The Dramatic Moment: portraits as history paintings",

Sir Peter Gadsden, chairman, PPP

healthcare group, presided at a lun-

cheon held yesterday at Plaisterers' Hall, London EC2 following the

group's Annual General Meeting.

The Lord Mayor of London, Mr John

Chalstrey, and the Sheriff, Sir Peter

Levene, were present. The Lord Mayor, Sir Peter Gadsden and Mr Pe-

ter Owen, group chief executive, were

Parliamentary Group for Energy

The Earl of Lauderdale hosted a din-

ner for the Parliamentary Group for

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San Francisco 22 April. aged 69. Journalist whose humorous column was syndicated to around 600 newspapers twice weekly since 1965. Books include The

since 1991, be was credited Grass is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank and If Life is a Bowl with bringing political stability to the divided state.

the House of Lords, London SW1.

Tate Gallery: Clement Page, "Abstract Utopianism and the Modernist Aes-thetic", 1pm. Scotland, was the guest of honour. London Society of Chartered Accountants National Portratt Gallery: Chris-

Miss Evelyn Bowyer, Chairman of the London Society of Chartered Ac-countants, presided at the Founding Societies Centenary Award Presentation Dinner held yesterday evening at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, Lon-don EC2. The Right Rev James Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Wells, presented the 1996 Award to Baron Wakeham. Mr Keith Woodley, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, also spoke. Among those present were Sir Brian Jenkins, the 1993 Laureate, and the Presidents of the other Founding Societies, Mrs Barbara Appleton (Liverpool), Mr Richard Dyson (Manchester) and Mr

Wills.

Sir Alan Herries Wilson, of Barnet, Hertfordshire, the physicist and mathematician, and chairman of Glaxo Group 1963-73, left estate valucd at £1,059,766 net.

Tony Cooper (Sheffield),

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS
The Princera Royal, Fresidon, Britch Reiting and Cooking Export Council, attends the Board of Management Meeting and visus British Knitting and Cooking Export Council offices and show-rooms, 5 Profiled Pice, London Wil; and attend, the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine Vice-Presidents Diamer at the The Gallery Liverpool, Albert Dock, Liverpool, Princera Mergaret, Presidents Couide Association, gives a Reception for Ouern's Guides at Kensington Pilace. The Buckets of Gioneester Visits the International Children's Trust, Peterborough; conce new buildings at the Carcestede Nursery School, Paston, Peterborough; and opens the new sard for the Elderly at County Horpital, Doddington, Cambridgeshire. The Busket of Karst attends the gala final of the Donatella Flick Conducting Composition, Barbean Arts and Conference Centre, London EC. Mr George Kynoch MP, Minister for industry and Local Government,

Changing of the Guard CHARLETING OF INVESTMENT OF THE FROM THE FROM THE FORMAL THE FROM THE PROPERTY LIFE GUARD AS FROM THE STACE ME

RAF College Cranwell Marshal of the RAF Sir Keith Williamson unveiled a plaque yes-lerday in Trenchard Hall at the RAF College Cranwell, Lincolnshire, The plaque, presented by the Royal Air Force Cranwell Apprentices' Association, commemorates aircraft ap-prentice training at Cranwell between 1922 and 1952 Air Marshal Sir Eric Dunn and Air Commodore A.J.B. Clements also attended.

Energy Studies yesterday evening in

CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

cause they would reduce com-

petition among independent

power plants, and cause prices

verse regulatory effects, hut dismissed one of the main com-

plaints about the takeovers,

Back to basics

The appointment of new editors for

signals a shift to the right. A further price rise to 40p in November

both the Daily and Sunday titles

which was that they would dam-

The majority also cited ad-

to be higher than otherwise.

Lang steps in to halt power takeovers



Shockwaves: Ian Lang, President of the Board ofTrade

lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is expected to encourage the establishment of Eastern Group as a major vertically integrated electricity company, despite his decision yesterday to prevent National Power and PowerGen following the same route.

He stopped the takeovers of Midlands Electricity by Power-Gen and Southern Electric by National Power, overturning a four to one majority recommendation uf the Monopolies Commission and the favourable views of his own specialist offi-

But his decision agreed with the recommendations of Patricia Hodgson, the dissenting member of the MMC, Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulatur, and John

Bridgeman, the director general of fair trading.

Southern Company of the US, the utility that has been planning a hid for National Power, was yesterday considering its response, but appears unlikely to make any early move and may retreat altogether from

Mr Lang's decision appears to put a huge obstacle in the way of its plan to bid for National Power unless it disposes of control of its own UK power supply and distribution subsidiary,

As electricity shares fell sharply in reaction to the surprise decision, the City and the power industry were left with far more questions than answers. because Mr Lang made clear he was still judging vertical integration case by case and that it will be acceptable for some

The question marks were underlined when Professor Littlechild, the electricity regulator, hinted strongly that he was happy with the proposed sale of 6,000 megawatts of existing power generating plant to Eastern, the electricity supplier and distributor that is

ow a Hanson subsidiary. The sale - 4,000 megawatts of which is by National Power and 2,000 by PowerGen - will make Eastern into a hig vertically integrated generating and distribution company just as Mr Lang has stopped the vendors moving in the same direction.

Eastern will eventually have a generating market share of up to 14 per cent, only a few percentage points lower than projections for National Power. Professor Littlechild said that he had no objection in princi-

ple to vertical integration "particularly where it can help to

promote competition", but in the case of the National Power and PowerGen hids he believed it was "prudent to prohibit these mergers until competition is more firmly established in the electricity lodustry". opment". He remained of the view He added that he welcomed that vertical integration was

not inherently objectionable. the two companies' agreement to sell the 6,000 megawatts of hur the remedies proposed by the MMC majority would "not plant to Eastern and he was ready to take forward the necbe sufficient to address" the detriments the reports identiessary regulatory arrangements". In the absence of objections by Professor Lit-The majority of members of the Monopolics Commission had said that both deals were tlechild there appears little reason for Mr Lang to stop the against the public interest he-

Eastern purchases.
Professor Littlechild said later: "A distinction must be made between vertical integration of the two largest generators and expansion of output by a regional electricity company that has a very small share at the

Mr Lang said he blocked the

Courting controversy

Hollinger sells shares worth £79m

in May 1994 only weeks before The Telegraph, joins in the price war. Telegraph shares fall 40

per cent. The company

shareholders. A Stock

apologises to its employee

age compethion in the elec-tricity pool, by inhihiting the "contracts for differences" mar-National Power and PowerGen takeovers because they would be "detrimental to competiket, where regional companies tion given the current state of acquire options on future supthe electricity market's devel-

However, having found against the takeovers, the majority said the effects were not sufficiently serious to justify prohibition, and they recommended the hids should be allowed to proceed if the two companies gave a number of undertakings to the Government, including the sale of their stakes in independent power plants.

Mrs Hodgson, in a dissenting note, said the mergers were likely to limit severely an increase in competition that is necessary and might otherwise be expected to take place; and the detriment could not he sufficiently mitigated by the reme-

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Lloyd's new delay on rescue bodes well for Names

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JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

The ruling Council of Lloyd's of London is expected today to accept another delay in the light timetable of its rescue plan in the expectation of offering im-proved financial terms to hardhit Names.

The final statements on the individual amount that Names will have lo pay Lloyd's to draw a line under their affairs at the insurance market are now expected to be sent out in late June, several weeks later than planned.

Lloyd's is increasingly confident that broad-based support is growing for the rescue plan er delay lo finalise better conditions will clinch the deal.

Lloyd's is seeking to cut loose from its disastrous loss-making past by transferring its pre-1993 policies into a special reinsurance vehicle, Equitas. Most of the capitalisation for Equitas will come from Lloyd's reserves, but the balance will be made up by final contributions from Names. These Equitas premiums have until now heen calculated as totalling £1.9hn. shared between Names according to their liabilities. Now, in negotiations with the Department of Trade and Industry, Lloyd's is hoping to reduce

the amount to below £1.5bn. In addition to this expected reduction in the premiums, Lloyd's is privately confident of raising at least another £300m from market professionals, auditors and possibly a bank loan, to top up its pot of £2.8hn to he used for offsetting the cost to Names of Equitas. Combining the two would mean an improvement of more than £500m in the settlement terms, and a significant improvement in the deal offered to Names with the heaviest losses, who tend to be among those at the forefront of litigation against the society.

Under the earlier settlement calculations, Lloyd's offered to cap the Equitas premium of the several thousand hardest-hit Names at £100,000. An increase of the settlement offer terms by around £500m would enable Lloyd's to have that cap to £50,000, a key litigating Names' demand, and channel more funds to the worst-off.

The new timetable to be discussed by the Council is also to consider the postponement of the society's annual meeting of 15 June, when Names will vote

Telegraph stake to cost Black £273m

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Conrad Black drew a line under his turbulent four year relationship with the City yesterday, offering to huy hack the 36 per cent of The Telegraph not already owned by Hollinger, his privately owned investment vehicle. The £273m cost of buying the minority puts a value of £763m on the newspaper pub-

Shares in the company, which publishes the daily and Sunday Telegraph newspapers, surged 96p to close at 559p, just short of the offer. Including a 10p special dividend, the hid is worth 570p a share, close to the 620p high reached in May 1994, and among the majority of the all least 100p more than a sim- cal price war with the Times we 34,000 Names, and that a fur- lar, failed bid tabled by Mr

> That was rejected by inde-pendent directors who, led by Lord Swaythling, yesterday recommended acceptance of the latest offer. The directors were advised by NM Rothschild, the merchant bank that a year ago

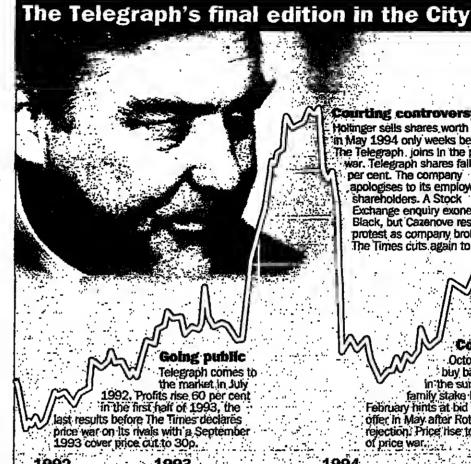
said Mr Black's offer undershot their own 500p valuation of the

The latest offer could be increased if The Telegraph's 25 per cent interest in John Fairfax Holdings, publisher of the Sydney Morning Herald and Melbourne Age, is sold in the next two years for more than A\$3 a share.

Daniel Colson, deputy chairman and chief executive of The felegraph, as well as a director of Hollinger, said the daily paper would be seeking a rise in its cover price when conditions were "appropriate".
"We will see how it goes," he

said, "but at the appropriate time the cover price will go up. If it was not fur the nonsensiwould he at least at the 480 levtwo years ago." The Telegraph is currently priced at 40p compared to 30p for the Times.

The Telegraph's short life as been characterised by acrimo-



nation in June 1994 of the com-

reached a peak with the resig- the sale by Mr Black of shares Rupert Murdoch's News In- 30p to match the Times sent its | ployee shareholders. The City worth £79m only weeks before ternational, publisher of the shares into a tailspin and the a publicly quoted company has pany's stockbroker Cazenove. the Telegraph joined in the Times. The blue-blooded broker re- newspaper cover price war

improves prospects, although too late to save 1995 figures, down again. Yesterday offers 570p for minority shares. Exchange enquiry exonerates Black, but Cazenove resigns in protest as company broker. The Times cuts again to 20p. October 1994: Black offers to buy back half the shares he sold

in the summer. Buys most of Beny family stake in December at 450p in February hints at bid for minority but withdraws offer in May after Rothschilds recommends. rejection. Price rise to 35p in June signals end?? of price war.

signed its position in protest at started in September 1993 by graph's cover price from 48p to ogise to the company's em-

company's managing director, The reduction in the Tele- Stephen Grahiner, had to apol-

lationship never recovered.

James Ross to be Littlewoods' chairman

NIGEL COPE

Littlewoods, the privately owned retail and football pools empire which was the subject of two take-over hids last year, seems set for a radical shake-up after the company named James Ross, the former Cahle & Wireless chief executive, as its new chairman yesterday. Mr Ross, 57, left Cable &

Wireless with £1.3m compen-sation last November after a disagreement with then-chairman Lord Young, who was also ousted by the board. Litdewoods denied the high-

profile appointment meant that Littlewoods was being groomed for a stock-market flotation. That is not on the agenda at the moment," a spokeswoman said. "Mr Ross has been put forward as chairman to help develop a coherent strategy for the group and to enhance the performance of the husinesse

The Moores family which controls Littlewoods is set to formally approve the appointment at the company's annual meeting oo 23 May.

Mr Ross's position will be non-executive but he will spend four days a week with the company for the first 18 months to two years while he reviews the at Cable & Wireless. He will regroup's complicated manage-



New broom: James Ross, put forward to develop a 'coherent strategy' for Littlewoods

performing businesses. Littlewoods declined to dis-

close Mr Ross' salary hut it is with the £400,000 he received place Leonard van Geest, who

ment structure and under- was paid £225,000 in 1994. Mr van Geest, who was keen to retain his position, will receive compensation of up

£450,000. Further changes on the Littlewoods board are expected and these could include the de-

parture of managing director Bill Huntley and finance director Jim Michie. The Moores family has only one member on the board, James Suenson-Taylor, though this too could be the

subject of review. Littlewoods is attempting to separate the management of the business from its ownership where the faction-ridden Moor-

es have often failed to agree. The shake-up is the result of a study of the company's management structure by accountants Coopers & Lybrand. A second report on the ownership structure is yet to be acted upon. Options include selling parts of the company, a partial flotation or continuing with the

existing structure. Littlewoods has been struggling in recent years and earlier this month reported a sharp decline in profits from £116m to £97m which were affected by

a £2m charge for restructuring. Last year the group, whose pools husiness has been hadly hit by the National Lottery, was the subject of two £1hn-plus takeover bids, one from its former chief executive Barry Dale, the other from a consortium which included N Brown the mail order company and Iceland stores. The Moores family rected the offers.

There is speculation that the UK's mail-order husiness is ripe for rationalisation and that Littlewoods may choose to strengthen its catalogue business with an acquisition. Freemans, Sears's struggling mail-order husiness, may be a possibility.

6,000 jobs face axe in Airbus restructuring

MIKE HARRISON Toulouse

Thousands of jobs could be shed by British Aerospace and its three partners in Airbus Industrie under plans for a radical overhaul of the European aircraft manufacturer.

Proposals for restructuring the consortium with the eventual aim of turning it into a con-ventional public company will be presented to the Airbus

board in late June. The four partners employ about 30,000 in Britain, France, Germany and Spain. Jean Pierson, Airbus managing director, said yesterday that the restructuring could enable it to make large cost savings of up to 20 per cent, making Airbus more com-petitive with its American rival

Boeing. This could entail up to 6,000 job losses across the board, including more than 1,000 in Britain, but Airbus executives would not be drawn on the

numbers. Mr Pierson said the biggest scope for cost-savings was in the ranks of white collar staff where there was vast duplication of activities such as purchasing.

British Aerospace employs around 7,000 directly on Airbus work at two main sites in Bristol and Chester, hut the total number of jobs in Britain de-pendent on Airbus work is put at 25,000. A 20 per cent cost re-

duction could result in up to 1,500 joh losses in the UK. A further 8,000 workers are employed by Aerospatiale in France. The two other partners are Deutsche Aerospace and Casa of Spain. Airhus employs 2,000 people in Toulouse.

The report on the restructuring of the consortium, drawn up hy Airbus chairman Edzard Reuter will set out several options. These will range from re-

a conventionally structured сотралу. Another option is to create an intermediate structure short of full plc status. Mr Pierson ruled out a flotation of Airbus in the foreseeable future. Under the present structure

economic interests (GEI) to a

much more fundamental over-

haul whereby the four partners

become equity shareholders in

the workload of Airbus is parcelled out according to the shareholdings of each partner. BAe, which has a 20 per cent stake, makes the wings. But this has been criticised as an unwieldy and inefficient system

thas increases costs massively. Cooverting Airbus into a plc would allow it to award work on the basis of competitive tendering. Crucial issues still to he re-

solved include what assets each partner would put in, how they would be valued and what overall authority Airbus would have. Germany has already warned

that it will not help fund the next Airbus project, the \$8hn (£5.3hn) development of a 500plus seater super-jumbo, unless the consortium is restructured. BAe has been pressing for Airhus to become a pic for nearly

With Aerospatiale now apparently also committed to overhauling Airbus Mr Pierson said support for change was becoming overwhelming.
"We are in the last hundred

yards of the race and we are ap-proaching crucial decisions," he said. "The enthusiasm is there now whereas 10 years ago there wasn't the spirit. Now all that has changed. The competition is tougher not just on price but on product and service and we have reached the point where everyone realises it is time to do something." Costcutting would be concentrated taining Airbus as a group of on the Airbus "hureaucracy".

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Institute of Directors: Norman Tebbit and Peter Lilley's view of Europe prevails at convention

Bosses say no to more social legislation

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

Business leaders voted seven to three against a single European currency and against the extension of EU social legislation to Britain at the Institute of Directors' annual convention yes-

Overwhelmingly persuaded by the arguments of Lord Tebhit and Peter Lilley during the two-bour debates, the IoD's members agreed that the disadvantages of European Monetary Union outweighed its benefits and that Britain should be free to regulate its own labour market.

The bosses' organisation also called for hig tax cuts. Tim Melville-Ross, director general, said: "Much more must be done to achieve significant reductions in both public expenditure and taxation. Capital gains tax and inheritance tax should be abolished right away. he argued, as the move would encourage wealth creation.

The debates on Europe followed a speech in which John Major, the Prime Minister, told delegates that although mem-bership of the EU was central 10 Britain's prosperity, he would refuse to accept European social regulation.

Mr Major also pledged to continue to press on towards a 20p basic rate of income tax and the abolition of capital taxes. Government spending would fall back below 40 per cent of GDP, and the Government would keep an "arm-lock" on inflation, he said.

In typical fighting form. prominent Euro-sceptic Lord Tebbit told the audience that the

Oxford University's own busi-ness school. Templeton Col-

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American anthropologist as its new president. Michael

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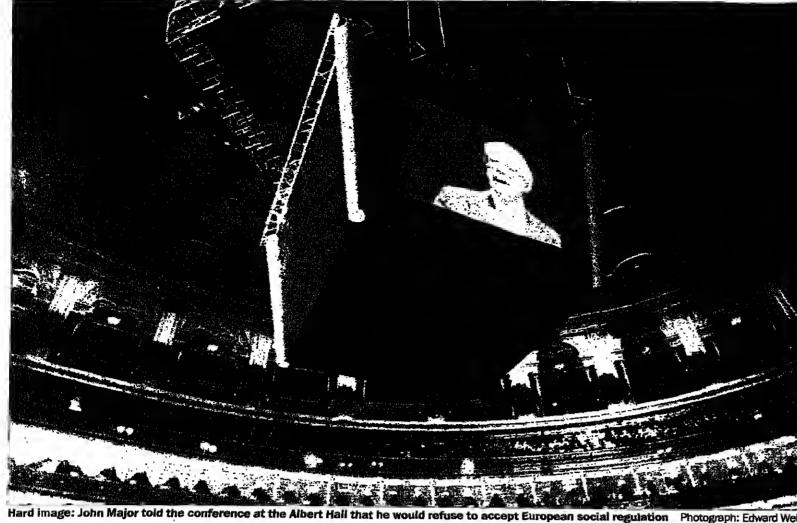
He has been in the UK for

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currency would he tiny. On the other hand, it would cause severe economic and political

disruption, he warned. "The economic advantages of the European currency are so small they were not even mentioned at Maastricht," Lord

Tehbit said. It was not "remotely likely" that European economies would converge, and the economic pressures created by the single currency would favour protectionism and extreme nationalism.

The euro was the ERM -

Opposing these apocalyptic warnings, Georges Jacobs, chairman of the Federation of Belgian Industry, said British interestrates were already main-

writ large, he said.

"eternal recession mechanism"

ly determined by German ones.

Britain's interests would be best served by influencing European monetary policy from within the single currency. Europe also needed Britain as an

advocate of pragmatism. Separately, business confidence has increased and there

are signs of a potential upturn. according to a recent survey of IoD members.

"We are cautiously optimistic that these results may signal the return of that elusive feel-good factor," said Ruth Lea, head of

IN BRIEF

• The UK's oil and gas production industry is still setting records decades after the first offshore fields were discovered. Industry and Energy Minister Tim Eggar said yesterday when the 1996 Brown Book was published, setting out oil and gas production industry figures for 1995. Highlights in the Brown Book include: total oil production at its highest level yet at 130 billion tonnes. up from 127 billion tonnes in 1994; gas production at its highest level yet at 75 billion cubic metres, up from 70 hillion cubic metres in 1994; more oil and gas fields in production than ever betres in 1994; more oil and gas fields in production than ever before, up to 163 at the end of 1995 from 149 at the end of 1994; fore, up to 163 at the end of 1995 from 149 at the end of 1994: and total company income for the sector was £18on, including a record £4bn from the gas production sector.

 Philips Electronics, Europes' largest electronics maker, reported a 31 per cent slump in first-quarter net profits to 377m guilders (£156m) as semiconductor sales slipped and weak demand hurt the consumer electronics unit. Looking ahead, the company said it did not expect much improvement until the second half of the year, while full-year sales growth would be slower than the 4 per cent increase reported for 1995. "I don't see a sudden bounceback of growth in the second quarter, rather a recovery of momentum," said Dudley Eustace, chief financial officer. Bloomberg.

• Bell Atlantic and Nynex have agreed to pay each other \$550m (£364m) if a competing hid disrupts their planned \$22bn merg-cr, amounced earlier this week. The payments, outlined in a copy of the agreement filed yesterday with the Securities and Exchange Commission, would be made by Nynex if it accepted an outside offer. Bell Atlantic would, in turn, make the payments if it ended up with an alternative partner. Under the agreement, Bell Atlantic and Nynex promised not to seek other offers. However. the companies have an ohligation to their shareholders to consider an unsolicited hid that might be more lucrative than the current agreement. Bloomberg.

 Amersham International is increasing its shareholding in Ni-hou Medi-Physics, its Japanese diagnostic pharmaceuticals joint venture with Sumitomo Chemical Co, in exchange for \(\frac{1}{2} \). Son (£51.4m) cash, together with the transfer of its Japanese healthcare business to NMP. Amersham said the move was part of an analysis of the state of the agreement to accelerate the merger of Amersham and Sumitomo's healthcare businesses in Japan.

BTR has sold Plascoat International and Plascoat Coatings (Holdings) BV to management for a total £30.5m cash. Ian Stra-chan, BTR chief executive, said: "The disposal continues our stated strategy of focusing on core industrial manufacturing husinesses. Plascoat specialises in plastic coating technology and plastic components, whilst BTR's other polymer activities utilise lifferent technologies and, in the main, serve different markets.

 BET stepped up its attack on Rentokil, claiming that an academic study showed that the hidder's shares would underperform if it won the £2bn hid hattle, due to close tomorrow. An investigation by Kjell Nyborg, assistant professor of finance at the Lonon Business School, showed that Rentokil's share price could fall by 8 per cent "very quickly" after the acquisition, representing a loss of some £440m of shareholder value. BET also claimed that a merger would result in the combined group having negative net worth of £229m and net debt of at least £776m. Rentokil sources rubbished the BET assertions.

Hanson has paid £24m for Boral Edenhall, at Penrith, Cumbria. It employs 250 and operates seven concrete block plants, a sand and gravel quarry and four concrete brick factories.

• JJB Sports has announced a 70 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £13m and a one-for-two bonus issue of shares. Announcing profits of £13m, JJB founder David Whelan said the store opening programme would be accelerated with 20 high street and 20 out-of-town shops scheduled to open in the current year. Poor weather in January and February has dampened trading in the current year with like-for-like sales only up by 1

 Redland said it owned 7.68 million Ennemix ordinary shares. about 40.16 per cent of the issued ordinary share capital, after purchases in the stock market. This follows Rediand's revised and final takeover hid of 35p cash per Ennemix share a fortnight ago.

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Bank of Scotland F		545m (449m)	25.8p (22.3p)	24 4p
Bentalis F	86m (23.1m)	1.2m (2.5m)	1.7p (9.7p)	1 5p
Decora F	33.8m (25.9m)	3.1m (2.1m)	9. 0 p (6.8p)	4 1p
Essex Farm F	44.3m (17.7mm)	1.2m (1.4m)		2.1p
Helical Bar F	65.9m (50.2m)	9.2m (8.2m)	29.8p (29.8p)	4.4p
Rea F	100.2m (88.7m)	1.6m (1.4m)	8.1p (7 8p)	4p
SUS F	64,7m (61.8m)	7m (6m)	37.6p (33p)	12.5p
J.H. Sports F	89,5m (61.3m)	12.8m (7.6m)	27.7p (18.7p)	6р
COCCOUNTRACE	11.3m (9.22m)	2.05m (1.70m)	13.2p (11.4p)	2.6p (2.4p)
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Getting down to business at Oxford

CITY DIARY JOHN WILLCOCK

graduate college, at a delicate time in its development. The college is not just a hothouse for would be industriplists; it is currently providing a high-profile series of courses for the Labour party on the management of change.

Potatoes to Italy. This is the sales success story for East Midlands company A&C Exports, which won o prize yes-

Investment watchdog Imro has appointed Peter Dean as its new Investment Omhudsman. Dean must have impressive time-managing capabilities, since he will continue as deputy chairman of the Monopolies & Mergers Commission and as Chairman of Highgate Counselling Centre in London. Imro set up the Omhadsman scheme so that there would be an independent system for dealing with complaints brought against investment companies hy customers. Dean will take over from Richard Youard. who has done the joh for the past seven years. Dean is a keen skier and likes music, especially choral works, tra la.

Languages Export Campaign.
The company found that since it had embraced the "language and culture" strategy sponsored by the BBC its exports to non-English speaking countries had risen by 40 per cent. In particular, by recruiting a linguist, Karen Burdett, to go after the Italian market, the company discovered that they were trying to to the Italians. The latter want "Wilja" potatoes for their gnocchi, a type of potato

hall. Sounds yummy.

terday from the National

There were a few predictable Euro-sceptic gibes at the In-stitule of Directors annual convention in the Albert Hall yesterday as speakers

like the Prime Minister and Lord Tebbit addressed the subject of "Europe". The delegates voted solidly

against both a single currency and the single chapter, so it was no surprise when Lord Tebbit blasted the conference's lunch which included French hutter and Perrier Water, "Would the French IoD serve Malvern Water?" the former Chingford skinhead enquired? Delegates were asked to test the voting huttons in the hall; 83.7 per cent confirmed they were male, 14.9 per cent said they were female, and 1.4 per cent 'didn't know," which tends to confirm what Continentals

say about the English.

Those attending the shindig could quaff free champagne at the United Airlines stand, lust after the new Audi 8 and gawp at a full-scale model of British Aerospace's latest fighter, the EF2000. Best of all, they were

with over 20p for Rentokil.

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chief executive Clive Thompson at

Rentokil. Scare stories of 900 per cent

gearing at Rentokil post the hid are

wide of the mark, given the group's



Oxford: Teaching the Labour party about managing change

offered "a Champneys mas- ford Chance to a newly sage" courtesy of the health club of the same name.

Talk about poacher turned gamekeeper. The man who helped draft the Financial Services Act has just been hired by investment bank UBS. Mark Harding is leaving the giant law firm Clifated senior post at UBS, that of general counsel, UK. Harding was involved in the consultation process leading to the FSA and the Self Regulatory Organisation (SRO) rule book. He was also cohead of Clifford Chance's Derivatives Group. A useful man to know.

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Accepting Rentokil offer is best BET

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

Decision time is looming for share-holders in BET, the cleaning to plant hire group, who have until tomorrow to make up their minds about the £2bn hid from Rentokil. Contrary to expectations earlier in the bid, the outcome is now an extremely close call.

BET has staged a remarkable come-hack during the course of the hattle, which most had assumed would be a walk-over for Rentokil. Perhaps sensitive to accusations of short-termism, many institutional shareholders have not been prepared to write-off the efforts of John Clark, the chief executive who arrived five years ago with a brief to turn around

the disparate, heavily-indebted group. Institutions holding over 17 per cent of its shares have publicly declared their support for the management, an impressive affirmation of their faith in BET, given that hig shareholders normally keep their powder dry un-

til the last moment in a hid. Strategically, BET has a number of arguments supporting its claims to remain independent. Rentokil's growth record has been hased on applying its management formula to a series of infill acquisitions for cash. Its only experience of a hostile hid was the takeover of Securiguard in a £90m deal nearly three years ago. The addition of BET would triple the group's turnover, add 100,000 employees and raise the number of shares in issue by 43 per cent.

On top of that, Rentokil's claim that its husinesses have a 75 per cent overlap with BET does not stand up to close scrutiny. It has no experience of plant hire and, on its own admission, the two transport businesses operate in different areas of the market.

The impression that the bidder is about to bite off more than it can chew was supported by the release yester-day of a piece of BET-sponsored academic research purporting to show that shares tend to underperform after large acquisitions of related husi-

nesses.
Perhaps the most telling weapon in

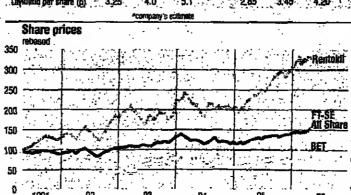
EDITED BY TOM STEVENSON BET's armoury is that Rentokil's of-By comparison, Mr Clark's record fer is hardly a knock-out blow. The exit can charitably be described as pedesmultiple would fall from over 19 trian, reflected in the relative share

times historic earnings to below 17, as-suming BET's dividend forecast of price performance of the two groups. Accept the Rentokil offer. 6.15p for the current year translates into earnings of 13p. That compares Bank of Scotland But this is likely to prove academic. It is hard to argue with the impressive 14-year record of earnings growth of fails to please

The Bank of Scotland tried to please yesterday with a 17.7 per cent rise in the full-year dividend, but the market was not impressed and dropped

the shares a further 3 per cent to 251p.

BET Rentokil £3.53bn £1.94bn 357.5p Share price: BET Rentokil Trading record 0.72 2.85 4.0 3,45 4.20 Devidend per share (p) 5.1 Share prices



Results for the year to end-February were respectable, with a 16-per-cent increase to £484m in pre-tax profits excluding non-recurring items and the higher-than-expected rise in the payout was expected to be seen as an expression of confidence. But the market only had eyes for a strong rise in costs which, excluding the impact of the recent acquisition of Bank of Western Australia, increased by a little over 14 pcr cent.

Operating profits before bad-dcht ovisions only managed a 5-per-cent increase, leaving a productivity gap that had investors twitching. Peter Burt, who assumes the role of chief executive on 1 June, sought to allay fears, saying the rate of increase in costs is expected to slow during the year, and the bank does not expect its cost/income ratio to rise.

At 52 per cent, Bank of Scotland (BoS) has a cost/income ratio that the other established high-street banks can only envy from afar. Nat West, for instance, is aiming to get down to around 60 per cent by the end of the decade. On that score, the market's reaction yesterday seemed a little harsh, but there is considerable nervousness around about any business where costs are felt to be going in the wrong direction, As one of British banking's relative

small fry, along with Royal Bank of Scotland, the BoS remains a potential takeover target, and is therefore obliged to pursue a more aggressive growth strategy. That makes life more risky, but in the longer term the benefits could come through. With last year's hid fever having worn off, BoS shares have settled to a level now looking cheapish, trading at 9 times 1996 earnings, compared to a sector average of 10 times. The shares are certainly worth holding, but whether investors will want to huy depends

largely on risk appetite, and whether one feels the economy is set to give the sector a smooth ride over the coming years. In that positive scenario, and taking Mr Burt's cost caution at face value, the earnings potential could be rewarding.

Tottenham times it right

The timing of Alan Sugar's £11m rights issue at Tottenham Hotspur is as deft as a Teddy Sheringham run into the penalty box. Football shares are flavour of the month in the City at the moment as investors wake up to the revenue-earning potential of hig clubs, particularly from television rights. Tottenham shares have more than doubled since last autumn and rose another 14p to 324p yesterday.

Priced at 270p, the one for four rights issue is pitched at a decent discount. Mr Sugar is not taking up his rights and more than 2 million of his

shares will be placed with institutions. The new cash will fund a new stand and increase the ground capacity by 3,000 to 36,000. Other revenue streams also look strong. The club has 12,000 season-ticket holders which means the club gets paid in advance. It has also signed lucrative four-year sponsorship deals with Hewlett Packard and Pony. Merchandising revenue from new kits is also healthy.

But the real pot of gold that could send football club shares sky-high is television revenue. The BSkyB deal with the Premier League runs out at the end of next season and the new contract is likely to be far more lucrative. Add to this the prospect of European competitions and possibly pay-per-view television and football clubs profits will soar. Tottenham's decision to reduce the value of its players' in its balance sheet by £6.8m will knock profits this year but investors should be looking further ahead than that. Take up the rights.

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The clock cannot be turned back on power bids Is this the end of the great electricity take-away? Ian Lang's wholly unexpected de-

cision to block the two generating hids for regional distribution companies would certainly seem to suggest so. Everything the Trade Secretary has done and said since he took up the post indicated that he was of the same view on mergers and takeovers as his predecessor. Michael Heseltine - big is beau-tiful and if it results in the creation of na-

tional champions, anything goes, Indeed, when Ed Wallis, chief executive of PowerGen, first floated the idea of bid-ding for Midlands Electricity with Mr Lang and other ministers last summer, all the indications were that the Government accepted the arguments - an industry dominated by four or five "vertically integrated" players combining generation and distribution would mean a more competitive electricity market. But that was last summer, when the election was a long way a way and the Conservatives had a respectable majority.

Calling a half to the takeover frenzy is essentially a political decision. Mr Lang's insistence yesterday that competition is not yet sufficiently developed to allow vertical integration on this scale, may huld water, but in large measure it is also an excuse for political expediency. Safeguards could have been put in place to address these concerns. There was nothing to stop Mr Lang holstering the remedies suggested by the MMC. Instead he has chosen to block the bids entirely and no doubt saved a few votes in the process.

Scottish Power and Manweb? That he is now offering to buy them back again shares. The sizeable advantage to him of being able to consolidate The Telegraph's but restore the profitable status quo ante. Power took it all a stage further and bid for Southern Electricity, Mr Lang got the spins. Then finally along came the Americans to put the kibosh on the whule thing with a bid for National Power itself. Politically this was the bid too far. The feeding frenzy bad to stop and Mr Lang, egged on by right-wing backbenchers, was finally forced to act.

It is hard to see how the Americans can now bid for National Power, unless they sell off their already acquired distribution company. Sweb. But equally this is an industry fundamentally changed by the bid activity both fruitless and fruitful - of the last six months. The clock cannot be turned back now. National Power will have to justify the sky-high valuation it has achieved in the stock market. That may mean either gearing itself up or breaking itself up by selling off generating capacity piece-meal to all the other distribution companies just dying to do an Eastern. Either way, there is a fee or two left in this sectur for the City yet.

Giving thanks for Conrad Black's gall

You have to admire Cunrad Black's gall. Having sold shares just weeks before the Telegraph cut its price from 48p to 30p, mislaying the company's broker in the process,

The Telegraph's long-suffering share-holders would be forgiven for thinking the buccaneering Canadian was trying it on again, buying back the business just as newsprint costs start to fall and advertising revenue follows consumer spending up in the second balf of this year. Even if they do take that view, however, they will probably simply give thanks that an often hostile fouryear marriage is coming to a reasonably amicable divorce.

The proposed deal can also be seen as a triumph for the company's independent directors who rightly raised two fingers to last year's opportunistic stab at taking the papers private for a cheeky price of around 450p a share. Even if another 5p cover price rise is pushed through soon, it seems unlikely that the shares would have traded at 570p on the basis of fundamental investment mea

sures for quite some time.

For anyone who bas been a shareholder since the 325p placing in 1992, the deal represents a 75 per cent capital appreciation which compares pretty favourably with the 58 per cent rise in the All Share during the same period. At only a whisker below the price at which Hollinger sold £79m of shares two years ago, Mr Black finally

seems to be acting with honour.

Ethical niceties aside, be is also plainly the only realistic buyer in town of the minority

empire means the shares were always going to be worth more to him than anyone else. The company's share price has always refelected market's scepticism about investing in companies controlled by media tycoons. The nagging doubt about just whose bene-fit the company is being run for is a good enough reason for taking Mr Black's money

The invisible face of the single market

and leaving him to it.

The single European market is no doubt a wonderful thing, but the fact remains that in some industries it is still virtually nonexistent. The most important of these is probably pharmaceuticals, an industry where Britain has developed some leading world class companies. This is obviously a sensitive and highly regulated business, but the insistence of member states on retaining national control of pricing and product approval policy is making a nonesense of the whole idea of a single market.

The problem is that though prices are set seperately for each country, the EU insists on free trade between them. In such cases it is only natural that prices should gravitate to the lowest defined level - which for phar-

maceuticals are generally those of Spain. You could argue that it is perfectly reasonable for the country with the lowest prices to set the benchmark. But this would be short sighted. One of the reasons why Britain and others allow a higher margin is to encourage pharmaceutical companies to invest in research and development and being a property and the market.

invest in research and development and bring new products to the market.

This may go against most free market principles, but the policy works. Unsurprisingly, Spain doesn't have much of a pharmaceuticals industry. Unless the problem is urgently addressed by the EC, the effect will be to undermine the pharmaceuticals industry express Furnne as a whole - it will go elsetry across Europe as a whole - it will go else-where. Leon Brittan's pea-brained response to the issue is to suggest companies simply withdraw their product from markets where they have a problem. As a former lawyer, the Trade Commissioner should know better. Refusal to supply is regarded legally as tan-tamount to surrendering patent protection.

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Plans for a single European pricing and product approval agency, the obvious solution, were put forward a little while back but thrown out by the European Parliament. As with so many things, EU members want to have their cake and eat it. They want the benefits of the single market, but they also want to retain the tools of national control. With all regulated industries, the two things are largely incompatible. There has to be one rule for all. In pharmaceuticals at least, the EC seems incapable of providing it.

Frosty reception for platinum merger

MAGNUS GRIMOND

The European Commission has emphatically rejected the pro-posed \$1.9bn (£1.26bn) merger of the platinum interests of Britain's Lonrbo and Geneor of South Africa, and warned that it would block any further move tu restrict competition in the industry.

The EU's competition directorate said the combination would have left two groups dominating the platinum market controlling 28 per cent of the market, with Anglo Amer-

ican Platinum, part of the eponymous South African mining giant, holding 35 per cent. Tiny Rowland, Lonrho's

ousted chief executive, welcomed the decision, A spokesman said: "It is very good for shareholders because it was a had deal. Now the board can try again and enhance sharehulder value. But the European veto is a

blow to the current management of both companies. The blocked deal involved folding cross shareholdings in South Africa's Eastern and Western

group to rival Anglo American's Rustenberg Platinum operation. It comes just ahead of the proposed demerger later this year of Lonrhu's mining interests, which Anglo is expected tu dominate. Earlier this month it took an option over the 18.4 per cent held by chief executive Dieter Bock, which could give it just under 30 per cent of the group. That was seen as giving Anglo effective control over

Lonrho's mining side after the

But the EU indicated that any move by Anglo on Lonrho's platinum interests would also meet a frosty reception.

Competition commissioner Karel Van Miert said the Lonrho-Gencor merger "clearly created a duopoly able to in-fluence, in a very considerable way, market and prices". The veto, only the fifth since the cummission assumed its competition powers in 1990, sent "a clear signal" that the commission wants to keep three companies in the platinum market, Mr Van Miert said. Any attempt

"a similar problem" to the proposed Gencor-Lonrho alliance and would therefore probably be blocked, he added.

Michael McMahon, chairman uf Impala Platinum, said they would appeal against the Commission's decision. "The Commission has ignored compelling evidence that this merger is based on the soundest competitive rationale", he said.

Mr Bock said he was "puzzled" by the decision, given that the merger would have had

by Anglo American to take very little effect on European control of Lourho would create consumers.

Lonrho shares fell a further 0.5 pence to 197.5p. Although Lonrho and Gencor are likely to look at ways of restructuring the deal to obtain approval, Mr Van Miert indicated that he could see no way for any simi-

lar merger to go ahead.

Aboul a fifth of all platinum sales take place in the EU, giving the commission a say in what happens in the industry, Mr Van Miert said. The decision was taken with the "sympathy" of





Different views: Dieter Bock (left) chief executive of the South African government. Lonrho, and the group's ousted chief Tiny Rowland

Moving the goalposts: Spurs chairman Alan Sugar yesterday Photograph: Tony Buckingham

Spurs rights issue to net £11m for new stand

NIGEL COPE

Tottenham Hotspur, the quotcd Premier League football club, is raising £11m through a rights issue to build a new North Stand which will increase the capacity at its White Hart Lane ground to 36,000.

However, Spurs chairman Alan Sugar also revealed that the club is cutting the value of its players registrations by a third in the light of the recent Bosman ruling on the transfer of out-of-contract players. The registrations of Spurs

players are currently valued at £20.8m in the Tottenham balance sheet. The club said it was "considering an adjustment" of £6.8m which will appear as an exceptional item in the current year accounts.

The decision is likely to force other clubs to follow suit although it will not affect Manchester United, one of the other top quuted clubs, as the club does not treat its players as assets on its balance sheet.

"It is our view and that of our auditors and anyone with half a brain that the transfer system as we know it is on its last legs, Mr Sugar said.
He said transfer fees were

likely to fall as a result and that smaller clubs may find themselves robbed uf windfall gains from selling star players to larg-er clubs. Under the Bosman ruling, clubs cannot demand transfer fees for out of contract players who move to other clubs within the European Union. Mr Sugar said the effect on Spurs would be minimal as the club's "superstar" players

were on four-year contracts. But he warned that players' wages would have to be covered by club's operating incomes. such as television revenue, gate receipts and merchandising. rather than from the sale of

players.
Spurs plans to use the £11m

raised from its rights issue to re-develop the North Stand at White Hart Lanc and complete the development of the South stand. The dub's £5.8m debts will also be reduced

though none of the rights issue Work on the North Stand should start towards the end of next season and be completed for the start of the new season in August 1997. The existing stand is likely to be closed for four or five games at the end of next year which will mean a slight loss of revenue.

The one-for-four rights issue is priced at 270p. Mr Sugar is not taking up his rights (which would cost him more than £5m). His stake will fall from 51 per cent to 41 per cent and his 2m-share entitlement will be taken up by institutions.

Tottenham is forecasting a final dividend of 3p. The shares closed 14p higher at 324p. Investment column, page 20 | entity.

CINMan may split **British** Coal sale

NIC CICUTTI

The £17bn British Coal pension fund, whose ultimate disposal has dragged on for more than a year, may now be sold off in two parts instead of one, it was

revealed yesterday.

Trustees of the CIN Management (CINMan) fund are believed to have agreed that if it cannol be sold in one slice it may be divided to make it more attractive to potential bidders.

The most likely split will be between a larger marketable securities fund worth £15bn and a smaller property one worth about £1.5bn. However, sources indicated yesterday that a successful outcome to negotia-tions with potential purchasers was still wecks away. Any deal would end months of uncer-tainty for the fund, which has been linked with a number of purchasers, including Hambros and Sociéte Générale.

In February, a £70m sale of CINMan to Friends Provident. the mutual life insurer was set to take place, but the two parties fathed 45 from rout fastminute problems.

Barry Southcott, former CINMan chief executive, is believed to have been a victim of the failed sale when he resigned in February.

Robeco, the Dutch insurer, is also among those to have exressed an interest, but talks foundered within weeks.

Since then, CINMan has faced considerable difficulties in attracting new buyers. The polatest strategy aimed at disposing of the coal pension fund. The fund's trustees are believed to bave said that that they

would still prefer to see the sale take place with the fund as one

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	1996	1995
TOTAL PROFIT FROM GROUP OPERATIONS BEFORE PROVISIONS	£706.4m	£650.0m
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	£545.0m	£449.7m
TOTAL CAPITAL RESOURCES	£3,533m	£2,731m
TOTAL ASSETS	£44,099m	£34,104m
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY STOCK UNIT	25.8p	2 2.3p
DIVIDEND PER ORDINARY STOCK UNIT	6.85p	5.82p

 Total profit from Group operations before provisions a record £706.4 million

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L&G set to axe unit trust charges

NIC CICUTTI

Legal & General, one of the UK's largest insurers, is poised to launch a unit trust war by axing initial charges across virtually its entire range of funds.

The company's move could slash hundreds of pounds off the initial charges of 5-6 per cen1 paid by savers on their unit trust investments. If L&G. which has struggled in the past to atract a sizeable inflow of savers' money, succeeds in increasing its market share significantly, other unit trust providers may

be forced to follow suit. Michael Hayden, managing director of L&G Unit Trust

are reviewing our prices. It is our intention to move in that direction. There are still some technical details to overcome. but we hope to have the wbole

thing in place in the summer." Instead of a large one-off ini-tial charge, L&G intends to levy a sliding scale of charges, beginning at 5 per cent if funds are

Mr Hayden added that the company had no intention of increasing its annual management fees of 1.25-1.5 per cent to compensate for the disappearnce of the up-front charge. L&G's decision extends the

price war that has long existed

Managers, said yesterday: "We in the tax-free personal equity are reviewing our prices. It is our plan sector in unit trusts. For several years now, Peps have been sold more cheaply than unit trusts, reflecting tough competition in that market. Last year the insurer dropped

initial charges on its PEP products. Since then, demand for L&G Peps has more than tripled beyond the £40m it sold in 1994-95.

The company, which won 1 per cent of the £4bn unit trust sumers. I would have no probmarket in the 1995-96 tax year. hopes to build up its sales in the structure. Its performance is

provider, said: "We do not plan to go down the same route at present. Our research shows that more than 60 per cent of investors believe performance is more important than charges. Gareth Marr, a director at

Moores Marr Bradley, a top finaucial advice firm in the South-east said: "What this shows is that disclosure of charges works in favour of conlem with L&G's charging among the better ones. I would Julia Eynon, assistant mar- have thought that if providers keting director at Morgan want to maintain market share Grenfell, a large unit trust they will have to compete."

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Whitehall decision sends electricity sector into shock

FT-SE 100 3817.6 -15.4 Not for the first time electricity shares were in deep shock. FT-SE 250 4544.7 +4.6 The unexpected Whitehall decision to block National Pow-FT-SE 350 er's £2.5bn agreed takeover of 1930.9 -5.6 Southern Electric and Power-SEAQ VOLUME Gen's amhitions towards Midlands Electricity devastated 974.4m snares, power shares which had been 37,004 bargains surging ahead on hopes of hectic hid activity. NP crashed 32p to 564p Gilts Index

92.67 +0.25 and Southern 79p to 824p. PG fell 36p to 570p; Midlands SHARE SPOTLIGHT 40p to 371p.

The plug was pulled on other electricity shares reminding many of the havoc created by the industry regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild. at the time of the second round of generator share sales last year.

The Whitehall decision killed off a blue chip rally. The FT-SE 100 index was in positive territory until the Govemment decided to overturn a Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommendation. Heavy selling of power shares left Footsie off 15.4 points at 3,817.6 in a busy trading ses-

It would seem the Whitehall verdict has hlunted hopes the Southern Co of the US nursed of buying NP. For the US group controls South Western Electricity and the ruling could mean that generators cannot own distributors. However, Southern had planned to sell half its SWE stake. Whether such a manoeuvre would be an

acceptable sop to Whitehall remains to be seen. It was significant that in percentage terms PG, the smaller of the two English generators, suffered a steeper fall. The difference between the performances of the two generators was due to the hovering presence of the US

Other distributors in the doldrums included Yorkshire,

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43p down to 826p, and even heavily-indebted Northern, off 38p to 670p. Takeover hot-shot, London Electricity contained its fall to 37p to 807p and Seeboard managed an astonishing 13p gain to 538p as some talked of bid action today.

Ladbroke, the betting and hotel group, was also said, not for the first time, to be due for corporate action today. The shares out ran the rest of the hlue chip field to record a 9p gain to 205.5p. Trading was re-markably heavy with Seaq putting volume at 26.35 million shares. It may not have been record turnover hut it was the most hectic session Ladbroke had experienced for years.

Bass and Scottish & Newcastle remain the favourite bid candidates although a deal with the Hilton Hotels Corporation of the US looks the most likely option.

Zeneca, after touching 1,405p, ended unchanged at 1,390p. Those convinced bid action is just around the corner were encouraged by the decision of Roche, the Swiss group frequently linked with Zeneca, not to pay a special dividend. Its decision to hold on to its cash pile was seen as a further indication it is contemplating a big strike.

However Zeneca could be escaping the Swiss embrace. Its to 559p as Conrad Black market value is nudging mounted a bid to mop up mi-

known to be upset at being squeezed out of the big Swiss drugs alliance.

British Biotech continued to

draw strength ahead of next month's presentation on its cancer treatment. The shares romped to a peak of 2,760p, up 70p. Amersham International gained 29p to 1,060p following an increased stake in a Japanese venture. It is paying £51.4m to lift its interest in Nihon Medi-Physics from 20 per cent

to 50 per cent. Water shares were ruffled by the electricity setback with Thames off 8p at 572p.

The electrical short-circuit did not, however, prevent the supporting share index resuming its upwards momentum, gaining 4.6 points to a 4,544.7 peak.

The Telegraph jumped 96p

£13.2bn making it a huge swal-low even for Roche which is newed outbreak of media action hoisted Daily Mail & General Trust 'A' shares 123p to 1,623p and the ordinary 120p to 1,705p. Mirror Group rose 5p to 235p and United News & Media 10p to 685p.

Hotspur's Tottenham £10.9m rights issue prompted a 14p gain to 324p; JJB Sports rose 11p to 712p following figures and a scrip issue.

Active Imaging, offering traffic monitoring systems made an impressive AIM début, hitting 133p from a

112p placing price.
World of Leather firmed 1p to 75p. There are suggestions DFS Furniture may accompany today's interim figures with a bid for the struggling sofa retailer. The loss-making leather group has sales of nearly £30m and operates from 30 stores, mostly in the south. DFS, largely a Midlands and Northern operation, slipped 12p to 513p.

Royal Doulton, the fine china and giftware group, is riding at a 12-month high. The shares rose 2p to 305p helped along by intriguing talk of discreet stake building. Hived off from Pearson, the banking and publishing group, in December 1993 the group is dominated by institutional shareholders. Doulton's last profits were up 20.7 per cent at £15.2m.

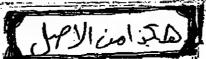
TAKING STOCK

Philip Shaw and Colin Humphreys, researchers at Panmure Gordon, toasted a 72 per cent gain with their 1995 selections in their yearly drinks directory. In the latest edition they admit their chances of repeating such a performance are remote. They have placed their hopes on Greenalls, Hardys & Hanson, Inn Business, Mansfield Brewery, Vaux and Young &

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· Old master's theory fails to solve New Labour dilemma

The most influential work of John Maynard Keynes, the great economist who died 50 years ago last weekend, was forged by the Great Depression. With un-employment and joh insecurity once again the scourge of the big industrialised economies, Keynes's analysis ought to have a new relevance half-a-century after his death.

In 1933, when unemployment in Britain stood at 2.6m or 19.9 per cent of the workforce, Keynes recom-mended an extra £100m a year in government spending to tackle the problem directly though the creation of public-sector jobs. That is the equivalent of £4hn today, when we have unemployment of around 2m

Yet it is only necessary to state the figure to realise how little faith today's policy-makers have in simple Keynesian solutions. It is not as if £4hn is very much money in the context of total public spending. Politicians evidently do not have faith in either the diagnosis or prescription.

New-Labour politicians especially would not dream of making extra spending commitments to cut unemployment, and not just hecause they fear the "tax-and-spend" label. They are committed to supply side policies - such as better education and reform of the benefit system in order to improve growth and create the incentives that will get people back to work. It is hard to imagine anything further from Keynes's emphasis on the lack of demand in the economy as the source of the

unemployment problem. There is an interesting parallel be-tween New Labour and the Labour Party of the 1930s, which was equally resistant to Keynesian ideas. Keynes's 1936 masterpiece, The



ECONOMIC VIEW DIANE COYLE

General Theory of Employment, In-terest and Money, made no impact on economic policies until the start of the Second World War enforced an of Keynesianism. experiment with increasing the scale of government. Before the war the explicitly socialist Labour Party was as conventional in its economies as

New Labour is now. Keynes's hiographer, Rohert Skidelsky, has pointed out that, even before Keynes, Labour did not remotely accept the socialist analysis of uneniployment. This saw mass

pression posed a serious policy dilemma - hut one Labour did not resolve by a wholehearted embrace

After the war, facing a transformed economic landscape with a hugely increased government sector, the economic establishment emhraced and absorbed Keynes's ideas into the mainstream of theory. Keynesianism became the new orthodoxy.

Rising inflation subsequently led economists to revise Keynesian the-

British socialism assumed capitalism had solved the economic problem'

joblessness as the reserve army of ory, Monetary theory was welded to labour, created by investment in machines to replace men, and resulting in a "crisis of overproduction" for capitalism, Instead, the party of Ramsay MacDonald shared the helief of the Conservatives and Liberals in free markets, sound money, a halanced budget, thrift and free

In his essay The Labour Party and Keynes, Lord Skidelsky writes: British socialism by and large assumed that capitalism had solved the economic problem." The Labour Party's policies were directed at ensuring the morality of that success. The hlatant lack of success enjoyed burgaining process and showed that by capitalism during the Great Dethe simple trade-off would become rors would be corrected, so there are facts – for example, that there is not The hlatant lack of success enjoyed

Keynes's basic framework. The classic illustration is the Phillips Curve, the negative link between unemployment and wage or price in-flation observed in Britain in the

In its simple form, this suggested the government could choose to 'buy" lower unemployment with higher inflation. However, the curve broke down. Over time a given level of unemployment was seen to be associated with higher and higher rates of inflation, Milton Friedman and others introduced expectations of future inflation into the wage-

more unfavourable over time as wages were bid up to compensate for the expected inflation.

The state of the economy worsened in the 1970s with stagilation bigh inflation with low or zero growth - which proved impervious to Keynesian remedies. Higher inflation did not "buy" any gains. As the economic consensus could perhaps explain the problem but certainly not remedy it, alternative monetarist theories blossomed. These emphasised the monetary side of the economy, to which Keynes had paid relatively little attention in his General Theory, and recommended that the government

should follow rules setting targets for

monetary growth rather than actively

trying to manage the level of demand in the economy.

A second blow to the post-war consensus came from economists' attempts to weld macroeconomies, hased on Keynes's work, with microcconomics, draw from earlier theories hasing economic behaviour on rational choices by individuals. The motive was economists' perpetual desire to prove that their subject, with its testable theories and equations, is closer to a real science than are other social sciences. But

the hunt for microeconomic foun-

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that patently bore almost no relation to the facts. Take the "rational expectations bypothesis, for which University of Chicago economist Robert Lucas won the Nobel Prize last year. In essence this says that individuals do not make consisteot mistakes in their expectations of the future. Ra-

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expectations. This is too powerful a tween jobs and inflation. Much of the premise for most economists to reject, trained as they are to base their analysis on the notion of rational "economic agents",

The trouble is that applying rational expectations leads to predic-

only random mistakes in, say, price even any short-term trade-off beeconomics profession these days spends its time either drawing up more complicated abstract models that might fit the real world better, or looking for a more acceptable set of facts.

This is the uncomfortable position io which the subject remains. There

Industrial Metals

is no academic consensus about how the economy works, as a crop of books with titles such as The Death of Economics and The Crisis of 17bear witness. At the same time there is an orthodoxy amongst politicians that emphasises old-fashioned fiscal and monetary prudence at a time when the most pressing problem in the big industrial economies is, once again, mass unemployment and, in some cases, deflation.

Although this might suggest that the time is ripe to go back to Keynesian basics, this is unlikely to pro-vide a solution. Not only is there no sympathy anywhere along the political spectrum for the notion that higger government is desirable, there are also key elements in today's ecoco-my that were absent in the 1930s, and so were not addressed by the master. These include the wave of rapid techoological change and the diminished economic relevance of oational boundaries.

If New Labour is to escape the yoke of the current free market and sound money orthodoxy, it needs a new visionary. In his essay, written nearly a quarter of a century ago. Lord Skidelsky said: "Now the Keynesian consensus in turn is breaking down and we have to see how the Labour Party will confront the reappearance of its old dilemma: the lack of any success to moralise." Twentyfour years on, the lack of success in the industrial economies is even more apparent, and the dilemma

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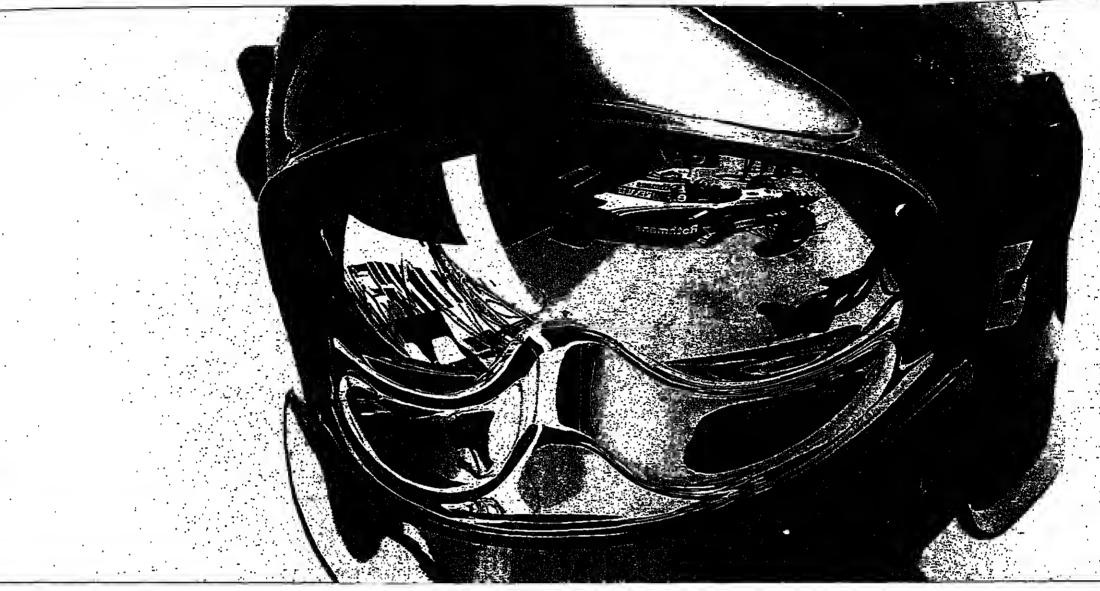
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WIN a drive in a Grand Prix car

Formula 3 in the early 1980s, but has not so far been able to translate youthful talent into achievement on the Grand Prix scene. He has driven a lot of bad cars, but has also had his chances with the best: he consistently finished on the podium for Benetton in 1992, never quite making it to the top step. Brundle's Achilles heel is his inability to find the "demon lap" in qualifying, but he compensates

with fine

racecraft once

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typical pluck in

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soon after.

Martin Brundle challenged Ayrton Senna in

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the coming season. Even though the grand prix season has started, it is not too late to join in: pit your wits against other enthusiasts and you could win our overall 1996 champion's prize. a drive in a Formula One car plus additional prizes for each

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your dream grand prix

team to score points over

drivers, a chassis and an engine; your budget is £40 million. Make your selections from the grand prix shopping list printed below: the only restriction is

that your third driver must come from the £1 million category. Details of how to enter are given on this page. You can enter a team at any point during the grand prix

season but the earlier you enter, the greater your chances of being our overall champion. Remember, there are prizes for the winning Dream Team in each individual grand prix so you can enter a different team for each

HOW YOU SCORE

Points are awarded per race to the top six finishers, based on the Formula Onc World Championship points scoring system (10, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1) but with an extra 10 points awarded to each of the top six finishers. All drivers are eligible to score for a top six finish but can also notch up extra points as follows:

The fastest driver in race-day

warm-up will collect six points, with

five for the second and so on down lo one point for the sixth quickest. Drivers score one point for each place they make up over their grid

position. Points are not deducted by losing places. • Five points are lost if your driver posts first retirement, four for second

down to one point lost for the fifth If your driver makes the quickest

pitstop (from the entry of the pitlane to the exit) you gain five points. If your driver sets the fastest lap time in the race, you gain five points.

 If your driver receives a atop/go penalty, you lose five points.

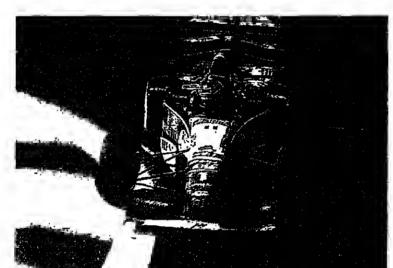
• If your driver starts on pole position, you gain five points.

 The Independent will name a Driver Of The Day after each race for a particularly impressive performance. worth five points.

Non-qualification for a grand prix loses you two points. If a driver is on the FIA's published starting grid but fails to take the start, no points are lost.

 Drivers removed from the results for any reason lose all points gained that weekend. Any driver not competing in a grand prix weekend scores no points.

Chassis score and lose points in the same way as drivers for a top six finish or any early retirement. The score is based on the first chassis home of that particular manufacturer. Likewise, only the first chassis retirement will count if they are both among the first five to retire. Engine rules are the same as the chassis rules, without the retirement



DREAM TEAM TOP PRIZE

The Dream Team manager with the highest number of points at the end of the Grand Prix Championship season will win our top prize - a drive in a 650bhp F1 car. You will be flown to the AGS. team's training school in the south of France for the most exhilarating experience of your life. The school specialises in F1 courses and provides all the racewear and instruction you will need for the day.

EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX PRIZE

The Dream Team manager with the highest number of points following the European Grand Prix will win a trip for two to the Spanish Grand Prix on June 2. We have two grandstand seats in prime position, from which you will be able to see all the action on the Barcelona circuit.

Argentinian Prize Winner

Congratulations to Joe Budynowicz from Hornchurch, Essex with his team Pistons Broke 4. He has won an initial trial at the Nigel Mansell Racing School.



Choose your Dream Team from the shopping list on this page. Remember, you must choose three drivers (the third from the £1 million section), one chassis and one engine. You must not exceed your budget of £40 million.

Give your team a name and register it by ringing 0891 891 805.

You will immediately be asked the entry question: How many races are there in this year's Formula One World Championship?

To enter your Dream Team details you

can use one of two methods. Method 1 uses a tone phone that lets you key in the code numbers of your driver, chassis and engine choices. The computer will check that vour team falls within budget and is

Method 2 uses a non-tone phone and you give your details verbally. A budget check is not possible using this method.

When you bave registered your Dream Team, you will be asked to predict the number of points this year's champion will noteb up over the year. In case of a tie at the end of the season, the nearest figure to the champion's points will win the top prize. In the event of a further tie, the team that registered first will win.

Once you have registered your team you will be asked for your name, address and telephone number. Your team selections plus your personal details will be played back to you and, when you confirm that they are correct, you will be given a PIN number.

This is confirmation of your entry and will enable you to access the score check-

There is no limit on the number of teams an individual can enter, but only one team can be registered per call.

CHECKING YOUR SCORE

You can check your team's position at any time by calling 0891 891 806 and quoting your PIN number. If you want to know the individual driver, chassis and engine scores from the most recent race, call 0891 891 807. This line will also list the Top 50 Formula Ooe Dream Teams.

Rules

1. All telephone calls are charged at 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at all other times, with a typical call to secure your entry lasting between five and seven minutes.

2. The deadline to be included in a particular race is midday the Friday prior to that race.

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3. The judge's decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into and there is no cash alternative for prizes. Employees of Newspaper Publishing Plc. Haymarket Publishing Ltd and all associated companies and their families are incligible.

5. Entrants must be 18 or over and residents of the UK or the Irish Republic. 6. To be eligible for the main prize, you must hold a current driving licence, be no more than 1.95m tall and weigh no more than 220lbs. 7. Alt scores witt be worked out

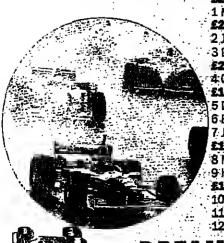
according to the official FIA time spects produced at the meeting. The values stated for drivers, engines and chassis bear no relation to real life. 8. In the event of a tie for the Dream

Team Top Prize or for any of the individual race prizes, the team that registered first will win. 9. For lost PIN numbers, call 0891 891

808. Helpline: 01275 344183. 10. The Top 50 Teams Line, lists the top

50 teams from the last race. Both the Team Position Check Line and the Results & Top 50 Teams Line will be updated at 2 pm on the Monday following

Make your selection from the Grand Prix Shopping Lis



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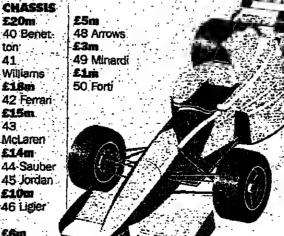
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GRAND PRIX '96 RACE SCHEDULE

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RICHARD EDMONDSON reports from Punchestown

It came as a surprise yesterday that the man in apron and baseball cap serving hurgers at the Rouster Coaster was not Ted Walsh, Irish racing's most volu-ble figure does not limit himself when it comes to jobs. He com-mentates on RTE, writes newspaper columns, trains and deals in horses. If Walsh retired he would solve his nation's unemployment problems at a stroke.

Walsh is hest known in Britain for his television work at the Cheltenham Festival and he believes that even Britain's foremost racing event can learn from the Punchestown equivalent that is running this week.

You can be a bit more casual here," he said yesterday. It's not as pompous as the Festival. There is far too much emphasis on the collar and tie at some places. If you've had a wash and you don't smell you should be able to come in whatèver vou want.

Many see impartiality as the bedrock of a broadcaster's craft, but this is a concept wasted on Walsh. After Dermot Weld's Definite Article went down by the minimum margin to France's Winged Love in last year's Irish Derby Walsh remarked on air:

"He lost by a short-head. A short-bloody head."

Castlekelly is new

leader of the pack

Walsh is proud of his homeland and its sporting successes. but is self-effacing about his own achievements. He is remembered as one of Ireland's most enthusiastic jockeys, an amateur champion who could take rashers off his mounts with one swipe of the whip. "I was riding at a boisterous time and I was an average jockey who got a lot of suc-cess," he said. "I didn't have a bad old racing hrain but you could say I was a bit old fashioned and agricultural."

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: The Carrot Man (Fontwell 2.50) **NB: Westcourt Princess** (Beverley 4.10)

Walsh had much to speculate on yesterday as he fuld viewers about a novice hurdle featuring Urubande and Casilekellyleader, who have emerged from the new-Arkle warehouse.

Uruhande was attempting the unprecedented in trying to win at the third of the season's Festivals, and the toll showed in the home straight. He did, however, manage in finish in front of Go-Informal and Karshi, the British horses which chased him home at Cheltenham.

Castlekellyleader was the hugely impressive winner, de-spite kicking out some hurdles with disdain. The gelding emharks on a fencing career in October and it is not fanciful to imagine him as a force in next year's Sun Alliance Chase. The seven-year-old did not win on his hurdling debut, which is not unusual for an animal trained by Paddy Mullins. The old stalwart broke into a smile after yesterday's success, which is.

The visitors later lodged a rare success when Billygoat Gruff provided David Nicholson with his fourth career winner at this Festival in the Heineken Gold Cup, an event which had the equine attrition rate of Balaclava. Thirteeo of the 21 starters were victims, two landing almost simultaneously on top of Conor O'Dwyer, Nichelson outlined his plea-

sure and reported he was off to ignite a hooley. "I love coming to Ireland because you're always made to feel very welcome." he said. The champion trainer also has husiness back across the Irish Sea as Martin Pipe is ahead in this season's title race. He could not resist a dig at his old rival. "Martin Pipe said he wasn't going to come here with much because it dnesn't count towards the championship," he said, "I don't mind that because I'm taking a few puots back."



Cockney Lad and Paul Carberry win the handicap hurdle at Punchestown yesterday

Photograph: Caroline Norris

Storm Trooper backers out on manoeuvres

Storm Trooper, who put up possibly the most impressive performance in last week's Classic trials when winning Newmarkel's Feilden Stakes, was well supported for the 2,000 Guineas and Derby yesterday and is down to 10-1 from 12-1 in Ladbrokes' Guineas betting.

There was a high turnout at the latest declaration stage for the Guineas, published yester-day. A total of 19 fillies have stayed in against the odds-oo favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, Bosra Sham, while there are 25 colls declared for the 2,000 Guineas. That includes GodoJ-

phin's trio Helicoo, Don Micheletto, and Kammtarra, who are likely to leave the Guineas to stahlemate, Mark Of Esteem.

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**LEADING JOCKETS: K Darley — 40 winners, 221 rules, 18.1%, ~\$68.16; W Carson—20 winners, 65 rides, 30.3%, ~\$40.80; J Weaver — 17 winners, 115 rides, 14.2%, ~\$19.90; K Falton — 16 winners, 150 rides, 10.6%, ~\$39.96.

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na from her two placed efforts at Nottingham this season.	Selection: MAJOR QUALIT
2.40 PANNELL CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS 1m 2f Penalty Value £2,721	F) £3,450 added 3Y0

	151000	MINISTERIOR (TT) IN GARAGES PROCESS AND ASSESS A COMMISS OF SALES
Į į	0	CHEPALATA (13) IS Tabemen 7 Donnetly 9 1
13	50500-0	NORTHERN CLAN (23) (Mrs E Round) M W Easterby 8 13
4	000-00	APPEAL AGAIN (6) (Coin Webster) Mrs. J. Ramedon S 11
s	45-54	DANICO (10) (P Geogran) 5 Williams 8 11
l 6	4346-00	PHANTOM DANCER (17) (J Berryl J Berryl 89
7	60060-6	CRY BABY (17) (Mrs Mane Tarklet) N Yarklet 8 7 1 Charmock 9
8	0	DISPOL AGENDA (6) (N/ 8 Imison) G Oktroyd 8 4
9	05000-0	SASSETTA (15) (Nrs Crestine Carrier) N Trivier 7 12
1 -		- 9 deciared -
		And the Control of Control of the Co

BETTING: 5-4 Monteeriste, 3-1 Denico, 7-2 Appeal Again, 6-1 No 14-1 Cry Batry, 15-1 others 1995: Tonka 3 8 5 J Wester 5-2 (D Mustey Smith) 13 ran FORM GUIDE

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MONITECRISTO should manage the concession of 6to and more all round. A smart performer on the all-weather, he has carried much of that ability over to turf, finishing third to Sage Pendous at Foliestone, when he would have strugged to get the top on soft gound, and to General Macarthur at Nottingham. That last run is working out well with the tind, Al's Albi, and fourth, Northern Motto, both having won since and today's opposition will not take much bearing. Danies, fourth of eight to Classic Defence at Musscalturgh, should improve for the step up to 10 furlongs. Appeni Again is out of a mare whose best produce have been sprinters and has shaped as though the will do better when dropped in distance. He is best weighted stepping up to 10 furlongs.

Selection: MONTECRISTO

3.10 GANTON RATED HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,650 added 3YO 7f 100yds Penalty Value £4,671

	l 1	410004-	KALA SUNRISE (192) JA E Needham) C Smith 9 7
ı	3	05-2	STATE OF CAUTION (17) (George Ward) J Durtop 8 13Pat Edder
١	3	040-010	SUALTACH (9) (D) (BF) (Noel Sweeney) R Holinghead 8 12 Dettor
i	ă	103.3	COYOTE BLUFF (15) (PW Crapple Hyam) P Crapple Hyam 8 11
ı	4 5 8	21240	MARIAANA (212) (Herroten Al Makotoum) P Waltern 8 7
ı	ĭ	33240	BAILEYS FRIST (6) (G R Bailey Ltd (Baileys Horse Feeds)) M Johnston 8 7T William
ı		3330-2	DATE OF THE LOCAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF T
1	7	011.3	MYBOTYE (13) (Anthony Moroncy) G Oldroyd 8 7K Fallor
1			-7 declared -

BETTING: 4-5 State Of Cention, 4-1 Coyote Bluff, 5-1 Balleys First, 7-1 Sea Kala Sourise, 20-1 Mybotyn 1995; Shahid 3 8 12 W Carson 4-5 (J Duniop) 8 ran FORM GUIDE

BALLEYS FIRST was far from disgraced when three lengths accord to Golden Pound in a miting-related maiden at Think (6f) last week as the trip proved too sherp. State Of Caution has progressed with each run, putting up a good effort on his return to be second of 17 m Regal Archive's Kempton maden. He does not look overburdened in his first hand-1.7 in Regal Anchore's remplain malater. The does not book overcloses at its stast table, cap. Copyote Battl, a winner in Italy, ran his best race yet when that to Sandlara at Ripon but the drop back in distance may not suit. Sandlack was disappointing at Newmarket at the control of the

3.40 MOORTOWN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 100yds Penalty Value £3,951

	LEGAL BRIEF (220) (Misma Partnership) / Warmangta 4 9 11
	SQUARED AWAY (15) (Mrs E Lake) J Payre 4 9 11 M Tebbutt 6
00-	BASHTHEBOARDS (188) (Boy & Hughes) J Quan 3 8 12 5 D Williams 9
	BRIGHT DESERT (Makinum Al Makinum) E Durlop 3 8 12 X Darley 10
2.3	FREEQUENT (17) (Francis Stutt) L Current 3 8 12 0 Urbina 6
O-	MELT THE CLOUDS (CAM) 1288) (Airs G A Gorthey) P Hams 3 S 12
0-0	MRSKY BAY (17) (George Strawbrdge) J Gosden 3 8 11
00	MOCK TRIAL (17) IP A Legranty Mrs J Ramsdan 3 8 12
	THAKI (Hamdan Al Maktouriy E Dunlou 3 8 12
01.	CARBBEAN DANCER (189) AW H Scott U Stone 3 8 7 Dean McKeown 2
	DISPOL GEM (7) (W 8 Im-son) G Oldroyd 3 8 7
	PEACE HOUSE (12) IMs Begi Speteri J Spearing 3 8 7

= 13 declared =
BETTIMO: 2-1 Freequent, 7-2 Misky Roy, 4-1 Caribboan Dancer, 5-1 Bright Desert, 12-1 Thaki, Melt
The Clouds, 18-1 others
1995: Romanant 3 8 11 W Ryan 2-1 (H Ceof) 9 ran

FREEQUENT will do better when put over farther being a Rambow Quest colt out of classy Free Guest, but there was plenty to like about his Kempton third to Thea over seven furings on his return when he needed the run and he should be good enough today. Another Newmarket roder, Milaky Bray, looks likely to pose the chief threat. Nirmt of 23 in Shaamit's Doncaster maiden in November, he too looked very much in need of his reappearance at Newcastle when severith of 12 to Green Bopper - Dispoil Germanth. A longer hip is also needed. The run should bright Caribbean Dancer on, while Mock Tirtal should be seen to better effect in handicape over a longer tip. Ed Dunlop runs but newcomers, Bright Desert (Maktourn Al Maktourn-owned and indigen by Kevin Darley) and Tholkt (Hamidan Al Maktourn-owned and indigen by Kevin Darley) and Tholkt (Hamidan Al Maktourn-Wille Carson), who should be watched in the betting.

Selection: FREEQUENT

4.10 ALWOODLEY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added filles 1m 2f Penalty Value £3,241

3	_		
1	1	600025	ANCHORENA (8) (Mrs.) F Wichelow) JA Harris 4 9 10
9 .	2	5621/5/	BEDELA (719) (D) (R Brews) J FedGerald 6 9 10
L	3	000 151	ESKIMO NEL (13) (CD) (First Chance Racing) J Spearing 5 9 7
L	4	100523-	DARLING CLOVER (255) Of Craddocky O Mortey 4 9 5
L	5	21400-4	WESTCOURT PRINCESS (13) (CD) (A Hodgson) M W Eatherby 4 9 4
3	6	162500	GREY AGAIN (13) (Green Diamond Racing) S Bowing 4 9 3 C 7eague (5) 8 8
2	7	0.05050-	LAST SPIN (234) (Mrs Eliza Long) J Jenions 4 9 3
5	8	10560-0	BOBANLYN (13) (D) (Mrs Shelle Walker) J Warmingh 4 9 2
	ğ	24330-6	BROUGHFORTS PRODE (26) 04s Janet Morrey J Gover 5 9 1
•	10		MARADATA (21) (R Holleshead) R Holleshead 4 9 0 L Dettori 16
3	11		PINKERTON POLIKA (13) (IASS E G Macgregor) C Bratain 4 8 13
	12.	550313/-	MCGRIYCUDDY REEKS (580) (D) (Bue Racing Club) N Tokler 5 B 11
4	13	005-010	DANCE OF JOY (5) (Mrs 7mg Carr) J Carr 4 8 12
			ROSKY TU (13) (Lewis H Norts) P Kelleray S 8 10
			LADY SABRIA (35) (D) (W.) Musson) W Musson 6.8 9
	16		MRL DANCER (14) (D) DAIS DOLLORES) E Alston 48 9
	17	600040/	APPEARANCE MONEY (684) (Insh Festival Racing Club) F Murphy 5.8 7
			WESTERN HORIZON (USA) (1865) (Wyck Had Stud) C Britain 4 8 6 M Heory (5) 5
_		400 000	PROF COMP CTT 11 Co. at 11 Name 4 C.C.

BETTING: 3-1 Eskiroo Wel, 7-1 Westcourt Princeos, 8-1 Pink Clover, 14-1 Maradeta, 16-1 others 1995: Wonderful Day 4 9 8 K Dariey 5-2 (S C Wikams) 10 ran

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Mick Easterby continued his good run with a double at Cattenck yesterday and WESTCOURT

PRINCESS can provide him with another winner. A course and distance winner lest July
when making all to best Bold 7op two lengths, she went on to be a close second to Harry
Browne here in August and won at Rigion later in the month, again leading throughout, so
is just a pound higher today. The Errared filly again went off in front when making her reappearance here 1.3 days ago but facility on the first with him time before the first with him run behalf here. Feldene pearance here L3 days ago our tabed once colored over a throng but to de route to re-reger Dance. Westcourt Princess can hold on in first with that run behind her. Esidane Nel, successful four times over hurdles this season, has won two of her three Flst stants, including over the course and distance. She has more on her plate now, having been raised. This for a length-and-three-quarter win from Princess Daniele at Notungham tast time. Es-kimo Nel scored by four lengths from first-time-visored Anchorera here — Broughton's Pride stoth and likely to improve — but meets that meal 15th worse. A time through Carto Bingsixth and likely to Iraprove – but meets that rival 15tb worse. A line through Caraco pre-arite suggests Westbourt Princess has the beeing of Auchtorense. Maradata is numing well and finished just in front of Estlanto Nel when they wore fourth and fifth to Ocean Park at Leicester. Frankle Detton takes the nide today. Cive Brittain runs Plakerton Politic and West-ern Horizon, with the latter preferred. Her Brighton that to Autumn Cover and College Night looks better since the first two fought out the thrish to a similar race at the same course on Mondey. Darling Clover locks off the season on a decent mark but may need the run, a comment that also applies to Billoula, who unseated at the thrid at Newcastle last month on her hurding debut and first run since May 1994. The fact that Kown Darley ricks Billoula is Interesting, though.

coss, 8-1 Pinkerton Police, 10-1 Anchorese, Darling

MOODHALL SPA HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO

	Ľ	4.40	1m 2f Penalty Value £3,769
	1	334-150	DIEGO (35) (0) (C E Britain) C Britain 9 7
	2		D'NAAN (19) (Adel M Almojh W Hagges 9 3
1	3		PINE NEEDLE (195) (Lord Haldar) O Mortey 9 3
	4	334-	FIATEQ (191) (Hamdan Al Malazoum) J Duniop 9 1
	5	06-0	ORTHOCO REVER (USA) (17) (R E Sangser) P Chapple-Hyam 9 1
	8	022-	ALAMBAR (185) (Hamdan Al Maksoum) P Wahryn 8 10
	7	421110	MUSTER ASPECTO (19) (D) (Aspecto Clothing Co Ltd) M Johnston 8 6
	8	3620-	FIRRA (USA) (226) (S P C Woods) 5 Woods 8 6
	9	50-4	CLASSIC COLOURS (USA) (23) (Classic Bloodstock Pic) S Wilhams 85
	10	500-00	STRATEGIC PLOY (15) Oils H M Carr) Mrs J Ramaden 7 11

- 10 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Fastog, 9-2 Alasabar, 6-1 Pine Meedie, 7-1 Orlnoco River, 8-1 Classic Colours, Mister Aspecto, 10-1 Diego, 12-1 others 1995: Dont Shoot Fames 3 8 8 8 Doyle 16-1 (C Onttain) 10 ran

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ORINOCO RIVER can be longiven a poor Kemption run on his return now that he is in a handicap. He showed about poor start to not the Newmentes maidens won by Helicon and Silver Dome. The form of that later run has taken a few knocks, but looks to have every chance in this company and should be suited by the trup. Pine Necesia's Nottingham made in win sat season has not worked out well and he could finish onnity fifth to Mystic knight at Newmarket in a nursery attensents. Fastery will be suited by the trip but his maiden form does not took as good as that of Orthoco River, whom he meets at level weights. Allambar finished second to Gold Disc at Lelouster and Alhawa at Lingfield on his last two starts and should win races, but Willie Carson appears to prefer Fastery. All wealther winner Mister Aspecto is difficult to fating affer his poor Kemption nur, where Drases was even further behind. Classic Colours and Filtra look doubtful stayers, while Strategic Play and Diego gave little encouragement in Jackson Hilt's Doncaster race. Selection: Orthoco River. FORM GUIDE

RACING RESULTS

2.20: 1 PANTHER (D Wingto 10-1; 2. Best Kept Secret 14-1; 3. The Institute Boy 8-1. 13 ran. 4-1 tay Lochon (6th). 4, 1½. U Hetherton, Malton). Tota: £10.20; £2.90. £2.00. £2.70, . OF: £36.70. CSF: £145.58. This: £70.40. CATTERICK

This 27(140, 2.50; 1. Mell. END GRRL (J F Egin) 7-2 It fav, 2. C-Harry 7-1; 3. Face R 4-1. 10 ran. 7-2 R fav I Can't Remember. 124. nk. (M W Essterby, Sherif Hutton). Totac £5.40; (M W Easterby, Sheriff Humon). Tota: £5.40: £1.50, £2.90, £2.00. DF: £12.40. CSF: £30.18. Winner bought in for 5,200 guirreas Tho: £11.70. 3.20: 1. HASTA LA VISTA (R Mullen) 5-1 co fav; 2. House of Dreams 16-1; 3. No Pattern 8-1. 11 ran. 5-1 co faus Admi-

ral's secret (4th), George Deingham (5th), Hid Ferm Dencer. 1/2, 1/4. (M W Easterby, Sherref's secret (2011, George Designation), 72-Ferm Dencer. 1/s. 74. (M W Escterby, Sher-di Hutton), Totae £6. 70: £1.90, £5.60, £2.00, .0F: £82.00, CSF: £76.26. Thicast: £593.95. Tricx Not worr. £280.59 camed forward to Be-seriey 4.10 today. 3.50: £1 PRINCE OF BIY NEART (M Hist) 7.41: 2. Shern Hearter 10.1: 3. Reinbardt 7-4; 2. Swen Hunter 10-1; 3. Reinbardt 5-2; 4 ran. 6-4 fav House Of Riches (4th).

6, 2, (8 Hills, Lambourn). Totae £2.40. DF: £5.40. CSF: £13.16. 4.20: 1. GORETSKI (L. Chamoda) 5-1: 2. First Made 11-2; S. Plantie I mat 23-1 13 rat. 9-4 fay Green Barries (5th). 1, 4, fiv Tinkler, Matron) Total £7.40: £2.20. £2.90. F13 90 DE: F23.90, CSF: £34.96, Tricast: £622.87, Trio: £306.20.

4.50: 1. MASTER BOOTS ||. Detroit) 7-4: 2. Effice Force 3-1; 3. Menco Hall Bathal 11-8 fav. 8 ras... 242, 42. (O Loder, New-merkes). Total: 52.45; 51.10, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £4.70. CSF: £7.84.

5.20: 1. FOREST BOY U F Egant 6-1; 2. 6-1; 4. Green Gem 15-2, 20 ran. 3-1 fav White Pieris (5th), 2, 1, (K Modulifie, Lam-bourn), Tota: £8,70; £2,30, £9,00, £2,40, £1,10, DF: £136,50, CSF: £136,53, Tracet: £757.08. Tro: £1,354.80. Jackpot: £22,828,50; a pool of £16,076,44 is carred forward to Beverley today. Placepot: £268,50. Quedpot: £50,40. Place 8: £479,90: Place 5: £58,65.

SOUTHWELL 2.00: 1. SPENCER'S REVENCE (G Bardwell 7-2; 2. Bit of Bother 5-2 fav; 3. Lilac Ruin 12-1. 9 ran, 1-4, 3-4. (N Tracer). Total £3.40; £1.90; £1.50; £2.40; DF; £4.80; CSF; 11.71. The £28.80.

2.30-1. CAPPE ACAM F 1710H 7-7; 2.
Tempering 7-1; 3. Shepherds Rest 10-1.
8 ram. 15-6 Siv Instantaneous. 8, 2/4. IN
Bycrofu. Totte: £3, 70; £1.10, £1.50, £3.60.
DF: £6.20. CSF: £26.38. Texast: £206.03.

Tro: £37.70. NP: Wadada. 9.00: 1. Invasione Venture. (D. Nic-Cebe) 4-1; 2. Johnnie The John B-1; 3. Astrgore 2-1 iav. 9 ran. Nk. 2-7: th Chapman). Total £3.60; £1.10, £2.10, £1.20. DF. 520.10, CSF: £32.71, Tro: £15.10.

The second second second

3.30: 1. NAPIER STAR (C ?cague) 33-1; 2. Frontnean 11-4; 3. Depletion 6-4 fev. 5 ran. 34, 2. IMrs N Macauley). Totac £57.10; £7.90, £1.80. DF: £26.70. CSF: £113.39.

MR Topenora Bgs.
4.00: 1. MATTEAMA (C Teague) 9-4 fav.
1. Jauriet 11-1: 1. Sealing Destiny 7 1.
9 ran. 5, 1. IS Bowney! Totac E3.10; £1.40, £4.70, £1.20, 0F; £31.70, CSF; £30.21. Tri-24. (c, £1.20. or £25.80. cs; £35.21. fr-cast £179.24. Trot £28.80. 4.30: 1. PEOPLE DRECT (Dane O'Noll) 15-8 lav; 2. Miss Offset 9-2; 3. Loch Style 7-1. 9 avs. ½, 4. (McAulite). Tota: £2.10; £1.40. £1.50, £2.20. DF: £4.20. CSF:

£1.40, £1.50, £2.20, DF; £4.20, CSF; £10.49, Tao: £9.40, £.00: 1. DOMINO FLYER U Fortune) 8-1; 2. Young Mazand 9-2 fay; 3. Horriples 8-1; 4. Miss Tri Color 20: 1. £6 ms. 5. ½. (Mis A Swinbard), Tote: £8.20; £1.70, £2.00, £3.40, £6.70, DF; £5.40, CSF; £43.10, Tincest: £282.91. Tno: £107.60. Piecepot: £32.20. Quadpot: £18.90. Piace 6: £ 105.00. Piace 5: £65.75.

PERTH

2.40: 1. WASSL STREET (A S Smith) 5-1; 2. Barnstormer 16-1; 3. Highland View 5-1. 12 ran. 5-2 lay Corston Joker Junseetes rates. Data St. Dr. Markey, Nathan Albaorsyn. Total: £6.50; £2.30, £3.70, £2.10, 0F: £73.10. CSF: £75.67. Tno: £204.00; 3.10: 1. GRACE CARD (Mr S Swers) 14-1; 2. Brief Reunion 25-1; 3. Father O'Brien 14-1; 2. Brief Reunion 25-1; 3. Father O'Brien 12-1; 11 ran. 5-2 fav Oorlin Castle (fell. 24-2, 14-2; R. Woodhouse, World. Totas: 127-20; 53-40, £4.90, £3.60, DF: £187.70, CSF: £260.41. Tricast: £3.893.65. Tric: £207.80; £213.73 camed forward to 5 4-10 fig. NR: D'A-biay Street, Nicholas Plant. 3-40-1; HOWIGLEUCH (B Storey) 4-1; 2. Decision Form 7, 2-3. Personne Rev. 10-11 for

3.40: 1. HOWCLEUCH IB Store) 4-1; 2. Roctect Run 7-2; 3. Persons Boy 10-11 fav. 6 rass. Nh. 12. (J Oliver, Hawschl, Totae; £4.90: £1.80, £2.40. DF: £7.80. CSF: £16.47. 4.10: 1. MERRY MERMAID (B Storey) 7-2 it fav; 2. Current Speech 7-2 it fav; 3. Steadhast Ellife 12-1. 7 ran. 4-, 10. (B Mactaggar, Hawschl, Totae £4.00; £2.50, £2.40. DF: £4.90. CSF: £15.26.

4.40: 1. POTATO MAN (6 Cehill 8-1; 2. East Houston 6-1; 3. Stormy Coral 5-2 tay, 10 ran. 2, 9. (8 Elison, Consett, Co Duffern). Tota: £10.10; £1.70. £2.50, £1.60. 0F: £21.30. CSF: 551.74, Tocast: £142.63, Tory £15.10. CSF: 551.74. Tracks: £142.63. Trac £15.10. 5.10: 1. WELSH MRIL (P Niver) 8-13 fov; 2. Music Bitz: 50-1; " Porphyrios 10 3. 6 ran. 1½; ¼. (Mis M Reveley, Satitum). Total: £1.60; £1.10, £4.20. DF: £9.40. CSF: 519.27

5.40: 1 CATTLY HANG (Mr W Morgan) 55.30, CSF: £11.00, Tro: £35.70. Place 8: £417.57 Place 5: £ 147.96.

FONTWELL

2.20 Raphael Bodine 2.50 The Carrot Man 3.20 script 3.50 Smuggler's Point 4.20 Childrey Choco-late 4.50 Tim 5.20 Whistling Buck

GOING: Good to Firm
Left-band burdle course; figure-of-eight chase course. Tight circum, not suitable for long-straing borses. Fig. not suitable for traff-Grand corres.

If Course is S of village at junction of A29 and A27, Baraham station (Brighton - Protomouth line (2m, ADMISSION: Club \$12; Juntor Club 112 to 15-year-olds) \$22, under 12s free, Tattersulls SN (secondants) and SN (secondants) free; Solver Fing \$1, CAR PARK: Piente area \$4 plus \$4 for each overspan; remainder free.

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ALINKERED PIRST TIME: Miniture Melody (4.50); Night in A WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None WALDERS AN AREA LAST SEVEN DATS: NORG. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Forgrove (4.20) has been sent 155 fallen by R Price from Leonarster, Hereford & Wores.

2.20 RMS AND TCR MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) (DIV I) £2,500 added 2m 2f

		L) (014 1) DE-1000 MAGGE 4311 Z
	U36-0	BLURRED IMAGE (161) J Powin 5 11 8 B Powell
	OF 4U03	CLOCK WATCHERS [17] J Bocker 3 11 6 D Morris
		COUNTRY GENT PLUCKIN 5 11 6 A McCarthy
		DONT TOUCH P Baser 6 11 6
	5F5	PIRST INSTANCE (40) D Grossel 6 11 6 B Fertion (3)
	4404	MEPERIAL VINTAGE (127) N Bases 6 11 6 J J Marphy (3)
	054550	JUST BRUCE (17) Mrs E Heath 7 11 6 D Gollagher
	0	MICRY BROWN (31) Mass L Bower 5 11 6 W McFarland
		PERFECT MINISTREL Mrs Nickle 5 11 6
ı		RAPHAEL BOOME (17) Miss V Williams 7 11 6
	002-635	WIN A HAND (19) B Ryel 6 11 1 6 Upton
		ZAMALEK (USA) G L Moore 2 11 0 E Murphy
		- 32 declared -

BETTING: 9-4 Raphael Bodine, 3-1 Imperial Viotage, 6-1 Zamalek, 7-1 Win A Hand, 8-1 Clock Watchers, 10-1 Burged Image, 12-1 others

2.50 RAPIDE MORTGAGE SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 2f

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3	3F1P-11	BLACK CHURCH (17) (D) R Rose 10 10 13 D O'Sulliva
4	F23033	DRUMSTICK (19) (CD) K Baley 10 10 13 6 Hogan (
5	13F251	LAKE OF LOUGHREA (22) K Baley 6 10 13 T J Murphy (
6		RAINBOW CASTLE (31) (C) J Getters 9 10 12 Aspell (
ī		RAMSTAR (111) P Hotes 6 10 12
В	113200	POLDEN PRODE (14) G Baiting 8 10 9
9	232431	MONE'S AN ACE (127) (D) Mass V V.Masms 9 10 6 R Graen
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Last ba win for **'hopeles Griffith**

Snooker

Terry Griffiths, at one stag frames down, beat Jamie nett on the final black of oineteenth, and final, fran

The Crucible yesterday. It took him seven hour minutes and after potting final hall he wrapped a soling arm round Burnett, was making his first appear in the World Champion Griffiths now goes on to r Steve Davis in a hattle of world champions while Bui is teft to wonder what ve

wrong.
"I have oot lost my will to hut the rest of my game heeo hopeless," the victor se Ahead 6-0 in yesterd. opening session Burnett, world No 72, extended his

vesterday to 8-3 and then § Griffilhs, with nothing lose, steadily reeled in his ponent to send the contest a deciding frame. When Bur obtained 13 points in fe after snookering Griffiths on last two reds he brought scores level at 46-46.

Burnett went on to clear until he reached the I' brown. He potted brown the yellow pocket but he o screwed the cue ball into middle pocket. Griffilhs came back to

table in mop up for an uppected victory. "It's bad eoo wheo you lose oot having a chaoce," he said, "But it terrible way to lose when you held the chance like Jamie "Mind you, I don't know ! I managed to pot the colours

cause I wasn't expecting come back to the table." Burnett remained outwar cheerful, despite missing a ge en opportunity to qualify for last 16. "At 9-5 up I though had won the match and ever the last frame I didn't feel der any pressure."

Beadsworth battles into contention

STUART ALEXANDER reports from Hyères

Andy Beadsworth produces strong result when he mneeded it yesterday to secur place in the Soling class fir eighl play-off at the Frer Olympic Week regatta here We made the match racii

that's what counts. Now t game starts again," said a iu lant crewman Adrian Ster who had been praying I lighter weather in a week strong breezes. Conditions were almost t

light, but Beadsworth, Stead a Barry Parkin worked steadily to sixth in a race woo wi supreme authority by the reig ing Olympic gold medalli Jesper Bank of Denmark. As attempts to run a secon race were abandoned, that h to be ecough and now Britain

representative in Savannah fi

faces a round-rohin of the be

lom four, with two going through to make up the final: as io the Olympic system. TODAY'S

NUMBER 350,000

The number of ticket appli cations received so far by Ju ventus for their European Cup final against Ajax. Onl 65,000 tickets are available for the match in Rome, and Uefa have yet to decide the Italian club's allocation.



LIVE COMMENTARIES REPUTS REVERLEY

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Difficulties are imposed by a ludicrous interpretation of the laws that discourages players from trying to win the ball properly

is all very well for the football au-orities to legislate for skill over erly. from attempting to win the ball prop-erly. applied more vigorously here than in any other country, has brought it into awn but they had better pay some tention to the growing list of seous injuries.

ave incidents - David Busst of of ending up in hospital. oventry, the Liverpool defender Nottingham Forest will be disried for some time - the compound acture that 20-year old Graeme omlinson suffered in Luton's lours at Port Vale on Tuesday hen on loar frc.n Manchester nited may strike you as an unformate coincidence.

This does not allow for worrying mocence and difficulties imposed ; a quite ludicrous interpretation the laws that discourages players

Concern over heing shown a vellow card merely for an error in timing leads to dangerous improvi-Following so swiftly on other sations that increase the possibility

Watching the game today there eve Harkness, and Gary Charles are times when you cannot help wincing. It is not so much rough play that catches the eye but naïve

I mean, how many players know how to execute a tackle, how many of them would have fallen victim to the hard men of past eras?

The problem did not come upon football suddenly but a policy ordered by Fifa, the governing body of world football, for the World Cup in the United States two years ago and since the open. As action replays on televisioo show the cleanest strike for a ball is now likely to be punished, causing the tackler to risk injury with a contorted, ill-balanced challenge.

Nobody should regard this as simply a personal observation. Fearful of seeing important players struck down, managers and coaches are always going on about it.

You preach common sense but because of the attitude adopted by so many of our referees, who of course are under orders, it doesn't always work," one said. "What do you say to a lad who gets sent off for a perfectly legitimate challenge, especially when television shows that the referee was at fault? So in at-



tempting to compensate players twist themselves out of shape and end up injured."

Because it is difficult to create realistic situations, education in tackling comes largely from experience. In any case, the most important thing

"Come oo Jim," protested one of the players in a Welsh team which included such notables of the day as John and Mel Charles. Ivor Allchurch. Cliff Jones and Jack Kelsey. we're giving them some stick." "Giving them some stick are we."

Murphy chided. "Well you tell me why they keep getting up."

A drawback for young footballers

generally now is the that advantage of playing alongside and against ex-

it," the old-timers used to emphasise.

"When are we going to start getting into them," a tough and much revered manager of Wales, the late Jimmy Murphy, complained at half-time during a game against England ternational. "Just a few weeks," I replied jauntily. "Well, make the most of it because this could be your meyer to trust

Good advice was never to trust anyone on the field. "Let that be a lesson to you all." I remember a well known hard case saying on a stretcher after a normally meek opponent had inflicted a nasty

This not being an entirely original theme - the proliferation of yellow and red cards this season is irritating personally - I have heen

is attitude. "It's the player who perienced men in reserve-team wants the ball most who usually gets matches is no longer available to it." the old-timers weed to analyze the state of the

The point put forward was that no player, however skilful, is entitled to expect special protection. It is a hard game they are playing out there.

"Referees won't always look after you," Pele was told when introduced as a 17-year old to the national team of Brazil, "so learn to look after yourself." Pele did not go looking for a fight but it was not wise to provoke him.

There is more to football than meets the eye. What meets these eyes is evidence to suggest that if the game is becoming more dangerous then the authorities are partly re-

HALLENGE CUP COUNTDOWN: Celebrated Saint meets raging Bull in midfield battle. Dave Hadfield reports

Newlove and Calland centres of attention



different centres converge in the Silk

ge Cup final at Wembley on urday when the game's most ensive player faces one who t been among its most n one corner there will be

Sainted Paul Newlove, a yer of such obvious class that £500,000 his new club paid adford for him in November likely to remain a world ord for a very long time. in the other, Matt Calland, ose reputation suggested · referred to himself as "the my Jones of rugby" - but who

wlove's departure. When the two encounter field - made th other at Wembley, it will even the most blue chip versus blue collar. Although Newtove would e nothing better than to have burden of the transfer ford lifted off his shoulders. difference here is no avoiding the pressure

essure of the fee, because ery match you are a marked iver and everyone expects so ich of you. What I really hope that someone takes over the

Newlove will never be entirely mfortable in the role of the me's superstar, and an extra Homets, Calland was signed by

The parallel complication Saints could have Featherstone as a replacement career paths done without is his ongoing dispute with News Ltd over a "loyalty" bonus which has seen him withdraw co-operation from that company's newspapers during the run-up to the final.

By his own standards. Newlove has sometimes been a little subdued on the field as well this season, outshooe by teammates like Danny Arnold and Bohbie Goulding. With perfeel timing, however, he exploded back into his most Saints about whether Newlove

compelling form in Saints' final match before Wembley, at Halifax last Sunday, scoring a hat-trick of tries, the last of which s blossomed into a matcha side-stepping run half the iner with the Bulis since length of the

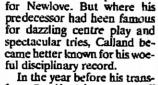
"I've got a reputation for he-laid back and not caring, but "He won it for us single-nical failing, I was getting caught on't know where that comes handedly," adds his coach, m." he said. "I do feel the Shaun McRae. "He was just superb." For his price tag, he is ex-

> there's no doubt about that," Calland said. "And sometimes him around all my career."

"He was the Calland: exciting ball-carrier until the end of tween the sides. It was as sim- season. "I needed to have pointple as that," the Saints' chief ed out to me what I was doing

"He is a world-class player,

I feel like I've heen following Originally with Rochdale rociously hard in training, build-fornets, Calland was signed by ing up his strength and physique



fer to Bradford, he was sent off and suspended four times; he was even serving a ban when the Bulls, in a notable act of faith, signed him last November. If there was scepticism at

> was worth half a million. there were doubts in Bradford over whether a player who could not stay on the pitch was worth anything at all.

Worse was to follow. Calland was soon dismissed again for the same fatal

in no man's land and I was throwing out an arm off balance."

The Bulls' coach, Brian Smith, had justified the decision to sign Calland by insisting that his faulty technique could be corrected and much of his enforced lay-off was devoted to doing just that. The player also worked feSmith, "his mother doeso't recognise him and he's had to throw out all his shirts."

to the extent that, according to

Smith was so impressed by Calland's determination that, once his suspension was over, he threw him straight into the Cup semi-final against Leeds. It looked risky, but the one-time wild man played outstandingly well, as he did in scoring a hattrick in the Bulls' narrow defeat at St Helens 12 days ago.

"Anyone who can't see that
Matt Calland is one of the
most exciting ball-carriers in the
game isn't using his eyes," said
Smith. "I also think we all saw who won the cootest between him and Newlove." McRae is philosophical about the comparison that day. "I just put it down as one bad day at the office," he says, "Apart from that, Paul has been very consistent."

It is not that Smith does not raic Newlove, whom he made every effort to sign when he was coach at Hull and the player was about to turn professional. It would take a henighted coach to he oblivious to the danger he presents at Wembley, but he believes that in Calland he has the player to counter him.

"You have to be confident whoever you're up against, the player himself says. "All 1 can do is my hest - and hope that that's good enough."

That best is already bener than most judges ever thought it could be. Reformed character and textbook low tackler that he now is, Smith is hoping Calland still has enough devilment in his play to knock Newlove's halo



JOHN ROBERTS reports from Monte Carlo

It is some time since Goran Ivanisevic lost an opening match, as his record of four titles from seven finals this year shows. Yesterday, however, the hig-serving Croat was ill-prepared to meet Magnus Gustafsson at the Monte Carlo Open, and the Swede swept past him,

Gustafsson, who lost almost a year of his career following a shoulder operation, has restored himself to the world's top 50 from No 611 over the past 12 months with the help of wild cards, such as the one he received here.

"I expected a much tougher match," he said, "but Goran told me it was his first time this year oo the clay, and I had played on it already. I was warm in my clothes, as we say in Sweden.

Ivanisevic was by no means the day's only casualty. Whatever the saying about clothes might he in Spain, Sergi Bruguera, a twice winner of the tournament, was not pleased to he eliminated by a fellow citizen of Barcelona who has the same name as a lace headscarf: Mantilla.

qualifier ranked No 84, who has a severe haircut and a mean backhand, put paid to the ninth-

seeded Bruguera, 7-5, b-2. This is the season when Spanish competitors make the most of their time on the clay. and Bruguera, by his own admission, is still not moving as well as he would like after his injury problems last year. Mantilla, one of a posse of Spanish youngsters who have risen through the junior ranks, seized his opportunity. So, too, did Carlos Costa, an-

other Spanish qualifier, who eliminated Michael Chang, the No 3 seed, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4. It is Chang's first visit to Monte Carlo, and last year's French Open finalist did oot arrive from the concrete courts of Tokyo until Sunday. In common with Ivanisevic, he has yet to find his legs on clay.

Chang was one of eight seeds to vanish yesterday, and

10 of the 16 seeds have disappeared after three days. The top two. Thomas Muster, the defending champion, and Andre Agassi are among the survivors, but Boris Becker only advaoced to a third-round meeting with the exciting Chilean, Marcelo Rios, after defeating the Czech David Rikl, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Jim Courier, the eighth seed, lost to Spain's Javier Sanchez, 6-3, 6-3, and illness contributed to the sixth-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov's defeat by France's Cedric Pioline, 6-4, 6-3. And Sjeng Schalken, a Dutch qualifier, outlasted Sweden's Thomas Enqvist, the seventh seed, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3

Among the non-seeded personalities, Stefan Edherg's three-set defeat in a duel of attacking play with the Dutchman Riehard Krajicek was less surprising than the way the match unfolded. Few players could give Edberg eight games start on any surface, but Krajicek retrieved a 0-6, 0-2 deficit to win, 0-6, 6-4, 6-2,

Andrei Medvedev, the Ukrainian No II seed who won the title two years ago, made short work of Mark Philippoussis, winning 6-0, 6-2 in 59 minutes. It could be said that the hig-serving young Australian was off his game: 12 doublefaults, no aces.

Britain were relegated from the Europe/Africa Group One of the Fed Cup at La Manga Spain, yesterday despite heating Slovenia 2-1 in their last pool

McRae rails at Smith's selection

ie St Helens coach, Shaun cRae, named a Wernbley side th no surprises yesterday and en cast doubt on the line-up med by Bradford Bulls.

Despite dark warnings of axeelding, McRae has selected a am with just one change from e semi-final, with the prolitic ung Danny Arnold replacing lan Hunte, who is one of five stential substitutes competing There are players in the

uting line-up who can consider

themselves extremely lucky," said the Australian, who has yet to coach a losing Saints side.
"They have certainly been spoken to about their performances over the last couple of weeks."

McRae's harshest words, however, were reserved for his opposite number, the Bulls coach. Brian Smith, who sprang a major surprise the previous day by naming Jon Hamer in the front row despite his last first-team appearance, as substitute, being as long ago as early January.
"I doo't take any notice of

that side," he said. "To suggest that Hamer will play is ridicu-lous. He must think we're in Disneyland, but when has Brian Smith ever named a squad a few days before a game that has actually played? "I would be very surprised if

a player who hasn't played in the first team for four months was used, unless he has been doing secret training somewhere." Like McRae, however, Smith

could be planning to make ex-tensive use of his substitutes. with Hamer expected only to contribute in the first quarter. The Saints coach is likely to have three men on his bench -

on the pitch will be crucial.

St Helens to Bradford, Silk Cut Challenge Cop final, Wembley, Saturday): Presont: Arnold, Gibts. Newlore. Saturda: Harmond, Goulding: Pereins. Cunningram, Leathern, Joynt. Booth, Northey, Substitutes ifrom; Hunte, Martyn, Motauta, Morley, Pickavance.

Africa in looming. By yet again



Tommy Martyn, Vda Matautia and Ian Pickavance - who have been used effectively recently as impact players late in games. This is the first 17-man Wem-

hley and both coaches know that their ability to mix and match

Jackson returns to the domestic fold

thletics IKE ROWBOTTOM

olin Jackson announced yesrday that he has lifted his boyitt of meetings organised by the ritish Athletic Federation, and a gave the credit to Peter Hier. ie BAF official currently rewering from a heart attack. Hier, a member of the fedration's promotions unit, flew early 11.000 miles earlier this ear to persuade Jackson, who as training in Australia, to naoge his mind.

The 29-year-old Welshman. ho vowed last season never to in in a BAF meeting while Peer Radford remained executive hairman, said vesterday: "Peter -lier] cleared a lot of things in w mind. He told me British ath-

tics wasn't just about one mun. "I realised how hard the pronotions people worked to put n major meetings. I didn't ant to kick them in the face. have had a lot of pressure from ne general public to change my aind. But the fact is if Peter adn't come out to see me l on't think I would be running."

Hier, who suffered a heart attack last Thursday, is said to be "comfortable" in hospital.

Jackson will be back for the Gateshead Grand Prix on 30 June hut still insists he will have nothing to do with Radford. "Me and him are dead and huried," he said yesterday. Jackson refused to run after heing carpeted by Radford last

summer. He claimed he had been lectured like a schoolboy for competing in Italy 24 hours after pulling out of the AAA Championships with a muscle injury. Jackson now admits that he made mistakes - principally in not speaking to his coach, Makolm Arnold, before leaving. "All I had on my mind was

getting out to Italy and testing my injured leg." he said. "I have to put my hands up and say that I could have calmed down the situation." Arnold commected: "I have coached Colin since he was 17 and I was anxious that the later years of his career did not come under a cloud.

"I am optimistic he is in for a successful season. He is in the shape he was before winning the world title in Stuttgart [1993]."

From N J Alexander Sir: I happened to be in Australia 12 months ago when the two main state unions announced their professional status in the wake of Rupert Murdoch's corporate takeover of Rughy League. The reaction of the then RFU secretary. Dudley Wood. was embarrassing to say the least. His patronising comment regarding Australian "panic" was tactless and his view that the Murdoch announcement was "an opportunity for us to distance ourselves from the professional sport severely

short-sighted and flawed. Players, journalists and many southern hemisphere administrators had been predicting the onset of the professional game for years and yet only five months before Armageddon the RFU were still hlindly preaching their antiquated faith.

The infamous Carling fiasco. was timed just before the England squad left for South Africa after months of training and sac-rifice by the players. The sheer incompetence of this self-centred over-reaction was a sickening response to the players

Now we find ourselves at a

crossroads. The future of the

Five Nations is in jeopardy

demonstrating bad judgement, the RFU is alienating England - even from the other home unions. The hard work of rugby people over many years is being ruined and the situation has now become intolerable to supporters and players alike. Steve Bale's article of 18 April summed up what many

fans and club administrators already knew. We have a hunch of self-important amateurs running our professional sport. N J ALEXANDER

London W11

From Mr G Cowan Sir: So Donald Kerr has told Cliff Brittle to "Sort it out or get out", a message that most rugby administrators are antious to deliver to Mr Kerr himself and the rest of the new breed that seem to have recently appeared on the scenc.

While the greedy antics of the handful of clubs involved in

bave had to wait to learn what is to happen to all their teams cannot be settled until we learn whether this Eprue lot are go-

SPORTS LETTERS

The rugby union debate

The dispute between the Rugby Football Union and England's top clubs over who should

run the newly professional game and how the new money coming into the game should

be shared out has divided Independent readers. Here is a selection of your views

ing or staying. Yours,
Mr Kerr should not forget GEOFF COWAN that Cliff Brittle was voted into office by a huge majority of or-dinary RFU clubs specifically to look after their interests now. But the greedy, bullying tactics of Epruc are causing the rest of the rugby membership to lose patience with them.

As the fixture secretary for my local club, I cannot helieve that at this stage in the season, I have not been able to organise a single fixture for any of my club's senior sides for next year. Mr Kerr, the time has come

to call your hluff. Please carry out your threat and leave the RFU as quickly as possible and push off to bankruptcy with the rest of your ilk or accept what you are being given at the rest of the RFU's expense. The senior clubs have lived off up". Then, at least, the hundreds of honorary future secretaries around the country can get on with sorting out their B XV's fixtures for next season.

Maidenhead From Mr D Davies Sir. As an elected founder member of the major clubs sub-committee of the Seventies, the first direct club representation on the RFU, and as chairman of the Northern Rugby Union Leagues Action Committee in the Eight-

to hring more success, democracy and fairness to all levels of clubs in the RFU. Although completely cluborientated at Halifax, I was imressed by the willingness of the pressed by the willingness or the RFU to listen and act, and I resent the unfair press they are receiving from Steve Bale and

ies. I have helped in some way

Dave Hadfield plus others. I have clear views oo "open rugby" which I think represent and the terrible prospect of the Epruc fill your column inches, the backs of the junior clubs for those of a majority of adminisLions never making it to South the vast number of RFU clubs years, so now "put up or shut trators of the game at all levels. Todmorden, Lancashire

The game requires an efficient overall controlling body to look at all aspects, and guide it wisely. The RFU is there, well set up, organised, equipped and would, if eocouraged, do it well. Any substitute senior club orientated body, especially if led by non-rugby entrepreneurs would do it much worse, make immature and countless mistakes and hring division and chaos. So leave the RFU he.

Consistency throughout, would bring simplicity and understanding. Many of the proposed small variations in the Courage Championship are vague and illogical.

All monies from TV sponsors etc, should be divided fairly as the Courage money is at present. It should be negotiated by the governing body - the RFU - and given to all clubs in fair proportion. If the lower clubs do not get a fair deal, there will be no success at the top clubs, who use the players developed by the lower ones. The unfairly vilified Cliff Brittle has emerged to me and many more as a champion of democracy and sense. Of course the successful should receive the best rewards, but the others must he regarded. Elitism is a

cancer to be discouraged.

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Ballesteros banking on **Open boost**

Severiano Ballesteros is determined to be back to his best by July in order to make a determined effort to win the Open at Royal Lytham St Anne's for the third successive time.

Ballesteros, who begins his challenge for the Turespana Masters in Valencia today, is struggling to regain form and filness following a six-month hreak and the panish tour-nament is only this sixth event of the year.

"I'm getting better day by day," the 39-year-old Bullesteros said. "My back has not been troubling me. But I have a problem with my left wrist after swinging too much with a heavy club for the past few

The wrist will not he too had and I hope to have all my old rhythm and confidence hack by the time of the Open

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"I won the Open in 1979 and 1988, the last two times the championship was held at Lytham, and I like the course very much. It also gives you confidence when you play a course where you have done well in the past.

Maybe I am not playing so well at the moment but I hope to reach Lytham in good shape because it would be nice to win three in a row there.

"I have a few months left so there is plenty of time to pick up my form. I bave many hap- field.

py memories of Lytham and can still remember all my shots in the last rounds both

Ballesteros has also been given added confidence by Nick Faldo's win in the US Masters, "Nick is only a few months younger than me and it gives us added hope when a player of 38 wins a major. If he can do it, why not me?

This week is the first time that Ballesteros has played in his native Spain for almost a year and his higgest regret is that his compatriot Jose Maria Olazabal is unable to play the Valencia tournament. Olazabal, suffering from

arthritis in both feet, was hoping to make a comehack this week but pulled out of the event on Tuesday. "It is very sad he is not here," said Ballesteros, "We are

missing him on tour. Hopefully he will be back for the Ballesteros is one of seven of

Europe's last Ryder Cup team to be in the Valencia field. Sam Torrance, Howard Clark. Philip Walton, David Gllford, Costanuno Rocca and Per-Ulrik Jo-hansson will all be among his rivals for the first prize of £83,330. South African Wayne West-

ner, Australian Wayne Riley, Scotland's Paul Lawric and Sweden's Peter Hedblom and Jarmo Sandelín, all nf whom have won European Tour

Canada shut out hosts for first win in championship



Tripping the ice fantastic: Austria's captain, Manfred Muehr, is tripped by Luke Richardson, of Canada, in the preliminary round of the World Ice Hockey Championship in Vienna. Canada won the game 4-0 after drawing their first game against Slovakia

Lewis challenges Tyson to legitimise his title

Boxing

Tyson must fight him to legitimise his claim as the world's top

Lewis has gone to the courts in his efforts to get a match New Jersey judge ruled he must be the next challenger for the World Boxing Council title.

"I don't believe Tyson can actually say he is the best in the world yet not fight me," Lewis said yesterday. "I believe Tyson is a warrior and would want to take on the challenge."

Lewis had argued the WBC were ignoring their own 1995 ruling that he should fight for the championship next, having beaten Lionel Butler in a title elimination bout. Instead, the WBC sanctioned Tyson's fight with Frank Bruno.

Lewis vowed to compensate British fans for Bruno's performance against Tyson last month if he does get a title bout.

and beat bim up," Lewis said.
"Bruno did all that talking, saying he would do this and that, Lennox Lewis believes Mike and really he exposed himself and just embarrassed himself. He not only let himself down.

Lewis, who hopes the judge's ruling will stand and force Tyson against Tyson, and last month a to make his next defence against him, said he would knock Tyson down and reclaim the tille he held in 1993-94.

"It would be just like Buster Douglas, but I have better tools than Douglas," Lewis said. Douglas knocked out Tyson six years ago in the champion's only

The Briton, beaten only once in 29 professional fights, will meet the 1988 Olympic gold medal-winning American Ray

Mercer on 10 May. Robbie Regan helieves that he can successfully step up a division to become the first Welshman to capture the world bantamweight title when he meets the defending champion, Daniel Jiminez, of Pnerto "Tyson just went out there Rico, for the World Boxing Or- be a classic."

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Ostler went on to compile a

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Harvey (Loughborough Uni-

versity and Lancashire) with 63

not out, and Anurag Singh

(Cambridge University and

Warwickshire), with 40, helped

the students' score to reach re-

Martin Dobson, the former

Everton and Burnley midfield

player, who won five England

caps, has been appointed youth

development officer at Bolton

Wanderers. Dobson, 48, was

player-manager at Bury from

1984-89 and had a spell in

charge of Bristol Rovers in

Sheffield United are releas-

ing the 37-year-old former

Wolverhampton Wanderers and

Aston Villa midfielder, Gordon

Cowans, on a free transfer.

for the addition of 43.

ganisation title in Cardiff on Friday.

Regan, who admitted that 12 months ago he would have been more likely to shed the pounds rather than pile them right decision to move up from

"My weight is 8st 6lb and I am happy with that," Regan said. "I feel stronger in the gym new, yet a year agn I was thinking of going down to light-flyweight, not up.

"It is easier going up than down and I'm ready for a good fight against Jiminez. He's busy and durable, and to beat him will be a big feather in my

Regan will be keen to repeat the performance he put up in his last fight, when he knocked out Ferid Ben Jeddou in two rounds for the International Boxing Federation interim flyweight title.

This is a true fight and you will see a true champion at the end of it," Regan said. "It could

Another flop for Perkins at **Olympic trials**

Swimming

Kieren Perkins, the world record holder, failed to qualify for the 400 metres freestyle at this year's Atlanta Olympic Games after finishing third at yesterday.

Perkins, who set the 400m world mark of 3min 43.80sec at the 1994 World Championships in Rome, was beaten by the Pan Pacific champion, Daniel Kowalski, with Malcolm Allen second. Kowalski won in 3:50.60 with Allen second in 3:51.60. Perkins' time was 3:52.56.

Perkins, silver medallist in the 400m at Barcelona Olympics in 1992 and also holder of the world records at 800 and I.500m. failed in a bid to win an Olympic place in the 200m event at the weekend. He has a last chance to qualify for Atlanta in the 1,500m on Sun-

"The last five or six years of competition I've pretty much been in control of the situation. This time I'm not and it's pretty scary," Perkins said.

SPORTING DIGEST

European competition for Manchester Storm

ice hockey

Manchester Storm are preparing to take a leap into the big time as Europe's ice hockey iced details of the high-profile European League in Vienna yesterday.

After their successful in augural season, winning promotion_to the British Premier League, Manchester was confirmed as one of 20 clubs from 12 countries to contest this ambitious new venture.

Manchester was catapulted to European prominence because of the backing of a world-ranked venue - the Nynex Arena - and a huge fanatical following that regularly provided crowds of 15.000-plus for home matches.

The sport's governing body, the International Ice Hockey Federation, revealed that more than £3m had been earmarked to launch the new league and another £1m will go towards providing television The European Hockey League will begin in September with the teams playing each other in midweek in a tournament that will culminate with semi-finals and finals The new competition will re-

place the 30-year-old European Cup, which will continue but in a different format with Britain's Sheffield Steelers as home representatives. That leaves both Sheffield

and Manchester free to compele at weekends in another new competition, the British Super League, also scheduled to start in the autumn. The format of the European

Hockey League will resemble football's highly successful European Champions' League but only two reigning national champions will be included in the inaugural tournament -Lulea of Sweden and Jokerit Helsinki of Finland, though plans to include all of Europe's league champions will be phased in over several years. But Manchester general

intends to bring in another four or five players to strengthen his squad for these two demanding com-Although the world's mos

manager, John Lawless, still

powerful competition, the National Hockey League, will not be involved directly in the new European League, it has pledged to send a club to Europe in September 1997 to play in a three-team Super Cup against the European League champions and the winners of the European Cup.

The IIHF president, Rene Pasel, said he was aiming for an annual Super Cup that would eventually bave the NHL's Stanley Cup champions against Europe's best clubs. This will take time, and I know the NHL has certain problems, but this is my

dream." Fasel said. The European Hockey League and Super Cup are works in progress that will evolve over the next few

in the United States team for this week

in the United States team for this week-end's Fed Cup metch against Austria. Pete Sampras, the world No 1, has been voted player of the year by a jury of play-ers and officials for the third successive year. Sampras, who won Wimbledon and the US Open in 1995, becomes only the third player to pick up the award three times. The others were firms. Conners

Pears is given all-clear to play on

Rugby Union

David Pears has set his sights on a return to the England side next season after being given the all-clear to continue playing. The Harlequins stand-off's fu-ture had been in doubt after he hadly damaged his ankle for the second time in a month last November, hut a specialist has told him he can resume training in

"It's very good news," Pears said, "At 28 I still have time to get back in the England side and win more caps. I had been worried that my rehabilitation would not work. It was a bad setback after my return was going so well in the first couple of months of the season, but I had overcome worse problems.

"I hoped that I could phys cally recover and after all that I have been through, I knew that could cope with the mental

Pears has injured almost every part of his body, with his neck, hand, nose, ribs, groin. hamstring, head, knee and ankle having suffered at one point. His problems have limited him to four caps between 1990 and 1994, and meant that he played only nne league match in the 1992 and 1993 campaigns, and none last season.

This latest blow came in October, when he and Mike Catt collided in a Harlequins-Bath match. Pears returned quickly to play his eighth league match in November, but limped off while appearing for London

against Western Samoa. Another England hopeful recovering from injury is A international Simon Shaw, who plays his first competitive game five months for Bristol United against Orrell's second XV at the Memorial Ground on Sat-

There were fears that the giant lock might never play again when he had to undergo surgery after damaging his left ankle against Transvaal in November.
That injury was the culmination of a direct resurrence in which the of a disastrous year in which the 6ft 9in forward injured his knee in his third England A game against Italy, which ruled him out of the World Cup.

The Scotland winger Tony Stanger and Under-19 internauonal James Craig are the first beneficiaries of a new Scottish Rugby Football Union scheme designed to help young players balance sporting and educational commitments.

Both men will receive grants of £3,000 over the next academic year from the SRFU Educational Trust, which was set up to encourage players to remain in Scotland. The Trust is the brainchild of Scotland's director of rugby, Jim Telfer, who said: "Young men need to follow a career path in parallel with their rugby development."

One of the key roles of the Trust will be counselling, an area that has been operating for three months. The Trust is expected to raise £50,000 in three years to meet the anticipated requests for financial belp from players, with the SRFU also contributing £25,000.

Warwickshire's winning start against students

FOOTBALL RESULTS

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In a Benson and Hedges warm-up match, Warwickshire crushed the British Universities by 168 runs in a 50-over friendly at The Parks, Oxford.

Without their South African all-rounder, Shaun Pollock. who arrived in England 24 hours earlier and was rested to allow him time to recover at 293 when he was caught for from jet-lag, the county cham-. 128. pions scored 355 for 7 and, in reply, the students were restricted to 187 for 8.

By agreement between the captains, the match only started on time after the Universities agreed to field first on a wet outfield and, against bowling inclined to be too short, Nick Knight and Neil Smith rattled up 55 off the first five overs, reaching 86 off 10 overs before Smith was caught for 23. spectability.

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Wembley, seeking to gain the vote over Manchester this summer as the host of the new national sports stadium, yesterday unveited a plan by the award-winning architect. Sir Norman Foster to transform its surroundings. The plan, which was commissioned by Brent Council and will be funded through private and public funds, will create more pedestrian space around the stadium. Car parking will be moved out of sight beneath the plaza and there will be dramatic improvents to Olympic Way, which will link the stadium with a new Wembley Stadium railway station. Paul Smith joined Knight in a stand of 107 off 14 overs which ended when Smith was caught immediately after completing a half-century from 39 Knight went on to reach his first century of the season

BRAIS SECREIN

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Boxing

Michael Moorer, of the United States, is to fight Germany's Axel Schulz for the vacant international Bourng Federation heavyweight title on 22 June, probably in Berlan. The winner of this bout will be in line to fight Mike Tyson.

Cricket

The West Indies will open a five-Test series against Australia in Brisbane on 22 November and the second Test will begin a week later in Sydney. Sydney will also host a day-night, one-day international match on New Year's Day between Australia and Pakistan, who will join Australia and the West Indies in a triangular series. The final Test between Australia and the West Indies will be played in Perth from 1-5 February. The West Indies Cricket Board of Control signed an £8.3m sponsorship deal The West Indies will open a five-fest se-

trol signed an £8.3m sponsorship deal with Cable and Wireless on Tuesday. They will continue as sponsors of West Indaes' Test and one-day senes until 2001. Stuart Law will make his Essex debut Stuart Law will make his cases would in their Benson and Hedges Cup game against Glamorgan at Cardiff tomorrow. The 28-year-old Australian, the county's overseas replacement for Mark Waugh, is expected to open the innings with captain Paul Prichard. With Captain Fall Priciard.

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Chile Boardman and Greeme Obree have both been given automatic places in the World Track Championships at Manchester Velodrome this year. As hosts, Antam are assured of having one rider in each discipline at the event, which runs from 28 August to 1 September, with other places being awarded on the basis of World Cup performances. Vincenzo Tomani, who organized and di-rected the four of Italy for 45 years, died

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Rhora Simpson was again on target with a couple of goals as Great Britain beat the United States 3-1 in the second of their three-match test series in tomeration ain an Atlanta after a 1-1 draw in the

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Pool A: Germany 5. Canada 1. Pool R: Sweden 2, France 1. Motor racing

opening game. Her Scottish colleague, Sue MacDonaid, collected the third with

The governing body of international mo-tor sport, the FIA, yesterday blamed the Ligher team for the fire which enveloped Pedro Dinto's car at the Argentinian Grand Prix on 7 April and warned it would take disciplinary action in future moderns. The FIA said investigations showed Ligher had failed to maintain refuelling equipmen Giancario Fisichella, of Italy, will drive a Minardi car in Sunday's European For-mula One Grand Prix, replacing the young Brazilian Tarso Marques who had

been driving with the Italian team in the two previous championship races in Brazil and Argentina. Pools dividends

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Owain Lloyd, who played for Wales A in the back row against Fiji earlier this sea-son, has rejoined his former club Treorchy from Uanell: on a two-year contract. Orrell will be without the Ireland full-back Simon Mason for their final Courage League One game of the season, against Bristol on Saturday. Mason has suffered a recurrence of an ankle injury and will be replaced by Stave Taberner for the Edge Hall Road clash. Snooker

CHEASSY WORLD CHARFTONSNEP (Shaffield)
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The former world No 2, Les Colurs, who has spent the last 10 years with the Scottish Monarchs, has agreed to join Cradley Heath after failing to agree terms with the Edinburgh-based side for the

Jennifer Capriati, who is making a comeback after a two-year absence from the Tour, will replace Lindsay Devenport

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Division: Shemblock v Thrapeton (7.30).

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Police agree to increase in **HQ's capacity Rugby Union**

The police were reluctantly persuaded yesterday to allow the Rugby Football Union to raise the cap on Twickenham's capacity from 37,500 to 50,000 for the inter-code Bath v Wigan match on 25 May, writes Steve Bale. The ground would nor-mally hold 75,000.

The cap had been imposed. to the fury of both clubs, because of engineering work on the Waterloo-Reading rail line which will close Twickenham station and therefore create safety problems. The situation is complicated by anticipated traffic congestion at a race meeting at nearby Kempton Park.

It needed an undertaking from Wigan to bring its sup-porters to London in the fleet of coaches usually used for their Wembley appearances before the police would acquiesce. Bath have undertaken to offer special coach rates to their supporters.

Having been cleared of one of his yellow cards, Garath Archer is free to make what may he his last appearance for Bristol when they play at Orrell on Salurday. The England lock's next disciplinary hearing - he still has two cards against him - will be in early May, so he is likely to be suspended when he revives his Newcastle career next season.

Bristol have also chosen the Wales No 10, Arwel Thomas, who may be joining Swansea.

Scotland are undone by the Laudrups

Football

PHIL SHAW reports from Copenhagen

Scotland may have been playing in the land of Hans Christian Andersen, but it was Denmark's brothers grim, Michael and Brian Laudrup, who did most to un-dermine their optimism for the Eureopean Championship finals in last night's friendly at the Each lit up a balmy evening

with a goal in an electrifying first-half display, which both em-phasised the folly of writing off the European champions and highlighted the size of the task facing Craig Brown's side in The Danes took only seven

minutes to breach the Scottish defence - arguably their most consistent unit during the qualifying campaign - which had required re-structuring because of the injuries to Colin Calderwood and Alan McLaren.

Colin Hendry, whose flaxen mane made him look more Viking-like than any of the Danes, allowed Mikkel Beck to get goal-side of him on the Scots' left touchline, The German-based striker, linked with

for the Nottingham Forest

winger Ian Woan. Joe Royle, the

Everton manager, has made an inquiry for the Liverpool-

born Woan, who was rejected by

the club when he was a

Everton plan three or four

signings in the summer and

Woan has emerged as favourite

for the position down the left.

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championship. The Tribuoal of

a summer transfer to Rangers. cut inside before looking up to see two red shirts converging in support and only Stewart McKimmie covering back. Beck laid the ball back, his

pass taking a slight deflection off the tone Scots defender and sitting obligingly for Michael Lau-drup. The Danish captain, whose move into semi-retirement in Japan looks premature to say the least, fired across Jim Leighton for his 35th goal in 87 internationals. Scotland were indehted to

Leighton for two fine saves after they were again exposed by Denmark's quickfire passing. With only 15 minutes gone, Brian Laudrup sent Beck clear, only for the 37-year-old keeper to save with a leg. Lars Olsen, the libero, was next to find an embarrassing amount of space. This time, Leighton dropped sharply to his left to beat out a shot from point-blank

In between the two nearmisses. Leighton's successor at Old Trafford, Peter Schmeichel, did well to parry Kevin Gallacher's goalbound drive after Gary McAllister and John Spencer had carved through the defence. It proved only the briefest of respites. Denmark doubling their advantage after

Everton pursue Woan Everton have made a £3m hid was guilty of "immoral and unsporting conduct" in last Sunday's game against their arch

Flamengo were down 2-1

mario raced up the right wing and fired in the equaliser. Then he ran towards Fluminense fans with his hand raised and middle finger extended. If found guilty tomorrow, Romario faces a suspension of

rivals Fluminense.

Forest have confirmed Ever- be disastrous for Flamengo's chances in the Rio de Janeiro ham are also actively pursuing state championship.

up to four games, which could

The former Manchester City Brazil's Romario could face chairman Peter Swales is recovcial phase of the Rio state fering a heart attack. Swales became ill on Monday but is said Sports Justice is investigating to be improving in Manchester's whether the Flamengo striker Wythenshawe Hospital.

The game was a family affair. Michael Laudrup threaded a sublime pass through a square back line to Brian, who ran from just inside Scotland's half before rounding Leighton and calmly converting his own 11th goal in

The same combination promptly produced a similar chance for Brian, which he sent a yard wide, while a header by West Ham's Marc Rieper gave Leighton further scope to underline his claim to the goalkeeping jersey hefore Andy Goram took over after the interval.

The crowd were by now in carnival mood, and with Michael Laudrup turning on the kind of trickery that Jim Baxter used to serve up on the domestic stage, Scotland could have heen forgiven for opting for a damage-limitation exercise in the second half. Instead, they tried to carry the

ame bravely to Denmark. First, McAllister linked with Scot Gemmill to set up John Spencer, whose shot was blocked by Thomas Helveg before it could trouble Morgans Krogh, the third of the half-time replacements.

The roles were then reversed as the lively Spencer picked out McAllister's surging run from midfield. Although the captain's drive clearly clipped a defender on its way behind, the referee's award of a goal kick was symp-tomatic of Scotland's travails.

Undaunted, McAllister let fly with a powerful rising drive from fully 30 yards with 20 minutes remaining. Krogh, diving spectacularly to his left, fisted the ball to safety. A spate with two minutes left when Roof substitutions did little to enhance the flow of the game, yet Denmark could be more than satisfied with their night's work. SALISTICO WITH THEIT MIGHT S WOTE.
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Backing up: Scotland's captain, Gary McAllister, finds his way blocked by two Danish defenders in Copenhagen last night

Czechs expose Irish shortcomings

After a slow start, the Czechs

missed the first real chance

RUPERT METCALF reports from Prague

Czech Republic Republic of Ireland

Two games, two defeats is the record so far for Mick McCarthy as he introduces the Republic of Ireland to life after Jack Charlton. While yesterday's scoreline in the Strahov stadium did not entirely reflect the balance of play, there are still some pressing problems for the

In the first half, Ireland were on top and made but missed lustre Czech side, whose form a long-term prospect. Of the gave few clues as to how they took four points aff the Dutch on the way to the European Championship finals. After the interval, however, the home team pushed hard on the accelerator pedal, and Martin Frydek and the dangerous Pavel Kuka scored goals which must

have made McCarthy, a former centre-half, wince. At least the Irish have found

a new goalkeeper. Shay Given, third choice at Blackhurn Rovers hut a hero at Sunderland, where his form during an extended loan spell has done much to help Peter Reid's side into the Premiership, made several outstanding saves and was blumeless for the goals, having been left horribly exposed on both occasions.

Apart from Given, Ireland's outstanding player was Ray Houghton, who never stopped running and was involved in most of the good things done by younger brigade, only Liverpool's Mark Kennedy, playing just behind the front two, looked the part. Middlesbrough's Alan Moore, winning his first cap as Niall Quinn's striking partner. found the step up from the Pontins League to international football too high to cope with.

when Kuka sent a free header over the bar in the 19th minute, but for the rest of the opening period it was the visitors who did the pressing. Less than a minute after Kuka's miss Quinn also sent a free header, from a Kennedy

free-kick, just off target. Three minutes later, from a Denis Irwin cross from the left, Quinn again won the hall in the air and forced Petr Kouba to save. The Czech goalkeeper was soon called into action again, saving at Houghton's feet after Kennedy had delivered a good low cross. Then Kennedy went the left and forcing a save from Kouba at his near post. Moments later, Irwin claimed a penalty in

hall by Radoslav Latal as he was heading for the byline. Kuka, who had scored twice in Dublin when the Czechs gained a 3-1 friendly win just be-fore the 1994 World Cup, was feet in the 33rd minute but that was an isolated raid by the home side. Before the break Miroslav Kadlec had cleared off the line from Kennedy and Townsend had seen his 25-yard shot pushed aside by Kouba. It was a different story,

56th minute Kuka gol round Given for the first time but his path was blocked by two delenders. Five minutes later the hnme side were ahead: Radek Bejhl put Kuka through as the Irish defence stopped to plead offside against Radek Drulak. Kuka drew Given and slipped the ball sideways for Frydek to shoot into an empty net. There was worse to follow for

the Irish: in the 69th minute the vain when he was bundled off the defence was once again caught square as Pavel Hapal sent Kuka racing in on goal. He did

the job himself this time, rounding Given to score with ease.
The marauding Patrik Berger twice came close as Ireland

Moore, with a ...ot from Quinn's knock-down, had late chances, but Kouba was equal to both challenges.
McCarthy admitted that both

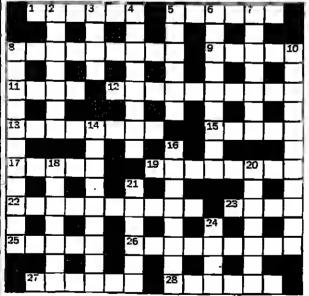
tired. Ouinn, with a header, and

goals came from "our sloppy play" and "had defending" but praised Given - "he's a massive talent" and Houghton, "I can't though, after the interval, In the discard a player of such talent." the manager said. "Ray can play? anywhere, he's such an intelligent player." How McCarth must wish he could find a ? more like him.

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Sexton happy in defeat

Dave Sexton, the England Un-der-21 coach, takes his squad to the Touton tournament next month in buoyant mood despite a 1-0 defeat by Croatia at Sun-

derland on Tuesday night. Sexton was delighted with the way his stand-by players equipped themselves after six original members of his east dropped out. Richard Rufus, the Charlton

defender, was one of eight new caps and marked his debut by being named captain. Rulus came within inches of opening the scoring when a header thumped against the bar and Sexton said: "I thought he was tremendous."

England rallied in the second half after Jurica Vucko had scored in the 34th minute, taking advantage as goalkeeper Chris Day beat away a shot from Ante Covic. Vucko nearly

added a second before Ben Thatcher and then Chris Holland threatened the Croat goal. "It was a great work-out for us and a lot of good things came out of the game," Sexion said.
"I told the lads not to be too disappointed. It was a highly compelitive game and they rose to

the challenge. "The difference was that Croatia converted one of their chances. They have good skill and work hard for each other. That is quite a combination. As a nation they have always produced good footballers yet somehow have missed out on major honours. Perhaps that will

change one day. "It was quite a hard intro-duction for some of my lads but this experience will stand them in good stead. I am sure of that." The Croats always looked the more comfortable of the two

sides on the ball and Vucko was a constant threat, as was Ivan Juric in midfield and Dayor Vugrince up front. Newcastle's Holland showed

in flashes why his manager. Revin Keegan, reckons he is similar in style to Paul Gascoigne. Rufus read the game well at the back while Terry Cooke and Bruce Dyer tried hard to get England back into the match. Sexton now takes his squad to the south of France before

embarking on the European qualifiers in September, Tuulon will give him another selection guideline as the opposition comes in the shape of Angola, Belgium, Brazit and Portugal, England were bising semi-fi-nalists last year when they in-

cluded the Manchester United players, Phil Neville and David

Hat-tricks keep Watford alive

Swindon were vesterday able to relax and book forward to competing in the First Division next season, and they may yet be playing Watford.

While Steve McMahon's men were clinching top spot in the Second Division with a 3-1 win at Chesterfield last night, Graham Taylor's rejuvenated Vicarage Road side were keeping their survival hopes alive with a 6-3 demolition of Grimsby.

David Connelly hit his second hat-trick in four games and Craig Ramage also struck a treble to give Watford a sporting chance of staging an amazing escape act by winning their last two games. Swindon were promoted at the weekend and last night's win.

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off hopes, won them the title.

Luton must take maximum points from their remaining three matches if they are to avoid travelling in the opposite direc-tion to Swindon after a 1-0 defeat at Port Vale left them three points adrift of Watford.

Stockport missed out on a chance to consolidate their amhitions of promotion from the Second Division when their fine away form deserted them in a 2-0 defeat at Rotherham. But Bristol Rovers kept

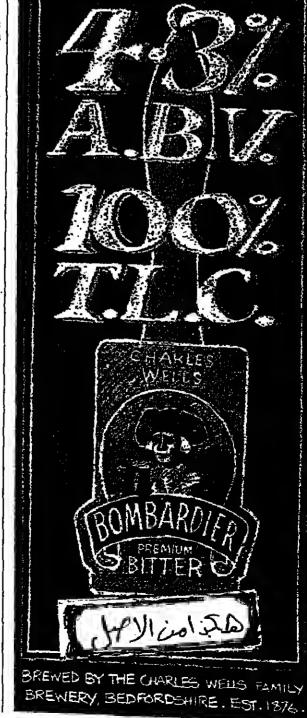
themselves in contention for the play-offs with a 1-0 victory at Burnley achieved courtesy of Marcus Stewart's 29th goal of the season. The Pirates are now seventh, level on points with sixth-placed Wrexham. Oxford will definitely be in-

tion. They put six past Shrewshury at the Manor Ground, bringing up 100 goals in all cumpetitions this season and putting themselves within two points of second-placed Blackpool. Notts County are almost cur-

tain of a play-off place after their 2-1 victory over Brighton. which relegates the Seagulls to the Third Division, But Carliste gave themselves a lifeline with a 2-ll win over York which leaves the Minstermen still in frouble, along with Burnley.

Darlington are certain of a Third Division play-off place after winning 1-II at Hereford. while Chester kept up their challenge by beating Northamp-Ion with the only goal at the volved in the play-offs - unless Deva Stadium.

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